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### **NNABA ANNOUNCES NEW NNABA FOUNDATION**

PHOENIX—The National Native American Bar Association (NNABA) is pleased to announce the new NNABA Foundation which will serve as the charitable arm of NNABA. The general nature of the business to be transacted by the Foundation is fostering the development of Native American lawyers, and addressing social, cultural, and legal issues affecting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, through the grant of scholarships to law students, the organization of seminars and conferences on topics of interest to the legal profession, and the preparation and distribution of articles and reports on legal issues.

“I am excited to announce the NNABA Foundation,” said Mary Smith, NNABA president. “The NNABA Foundation will implement a three-pronged strategy of building a pipeline of Native American attorneys, including unveiling historic research on Native American attorneys in the spring of 2015, and later awarding scholarships to Native American law students and developing pipeline programs in high schools with large populations of Native American students.”

In broad terms, the Foundation will implement a phased three-tier approach to building the pipeline of Native American attorneys.

**Tier One:** The first phase of the Foundation’s activities will be to complete and highlight the publication of the groundbreaking research on Native American attorneys. This research will be published in the spring of 2015.

**Tier Two:** Following the publication of the research, the second phase of the Foundation’s activities will be to establish scholarships for Native American attorneys to attend law school.

**Tier Three:** Because the pipeline begins much before college and the decision to attend law school, particularly for Native Americans, the third phase of the

Foundation's activities will be to outreach to high schools with large populations of Native American students and to develop programs and events to encourage Native American high school students to attend to college and to consider law as a career. This phase is anticipated to begin after the 2016 academic year.

For more information on the new NNABA Foundation and to donate, visit <http://www.nativeamericanbar.org/the-national-native-american-bar-association-foundation>.

*The mission of the National Native American Bar Association Foundation (NNABA Foundation) is to develop and provide financial resources that advance the research and educational endeavors of the National Native American Bar Association. The NNABA Foundation qualifies as an exempt fund under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and all contributions to the NNABA Foundation are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.*

Founded in 1973, NNABA serves as the national association for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian attorneys, judges, law professors and law students. NNABA strives for justice and effective legal representation for all American indigenous peoples; fosters the development of Native American lawyers and judges; and addresses social, cultural and legal issues affecting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

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