National Native American Bar Association
2024 Annual Meeting
Sponsorship Packet

April 3rd 2024
Program from 8AM to 5PM
Reception & Awards Dinner from 5 PM

Sandia Resort & Casino
30 Rainbow Rd,
Albuquerque, NM 87113

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Greetings

Aloha nō kākou, dear friends and relatives,

We are delighted to extend a warm invitation from the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA) to our 2024 Annual Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024. This year, NNABA continues its tradition of hosting our meeting immediately before the Federal Bar Association’s Annual Indian Law Conference at the Sandia Resort & Casino in Albuquerque. Please note that while our events coincide, NNABA’s activities remain distinct. If you plan to attend our ticketed dinner event, kindly register separately.

Our meeting program has been thoughtfully crafted to address pressing issues concerning Native justice and inclusion within the legal profession. We thank our esteemed speakers who are generously volunteering their time to provide this program to our members. We aim to create a platform for meaningful discussions and collaboration among Native bars and our valued members.

The only part of our program that requires pre-registration and payment is the awards and celebration dinner. On the following pages, you will find detailed information about sponsorship opportunities and individual dinner tickets. For those attending our sessions, we will provide sign-in sheets and materials, enabling members to seek CLE credit from their respective state bar associations, if desired.

Additionally, we will proudly recognize exceptional legal leaders and present NNABA scholarships to graduating Native law students during the dinner.

We invite you to join us in this important event, and if you’re able, please consider supporting NNABA and our work to fulfill its mission through sponsorship. Your contributions will not only help make this annual gathering a success but will also ensure NNABA can continue its work uplifting Natives in the law and justice for Native communities throughout the next bar year.

All contributions aid NNABA in organizing our meeting, funding scholarships for law students through the NNABA foundation, and maintaining NNABA’s vital programs throughout the year. You can find more information about registration and sponsorship on the following pages.

With warm regards and heartfelt gratitude,

Makalika Nāholowa’a
President, 2023–2024
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About The Event

NNABA convenes its annual gathering each year, uniting Native American attorneys, judges, law students, and legal professionals for networking, advancing professional growth, and advocating for relevant causes. This event serves as a pivotal platform to gain insights into contemporary Indian law matters, establish connections with peers, and celebrate the achievements of Native American legal practitioners. Moreover, support for this gathering empowers NNABA’s ability to deliver vital programs year-round that benefit Native lawyers and communities.

Your support enables NNABA’s:

- advocacy to advance native representation in judicial roles in partnership with NARF and NCAI;
- law student bar preparation scholarship program in collaboration with the NNABA Foundation;
- leadership development initiative with the ABA and other national affinity bars known as the Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy (CBLA); and
- policy advocacy efforts, including NNABA’s more than 30 years of collaboration with sister national bars of color at the Collaborative Bar Associations of Color (CBAC), and across the ABA including in the House of Delegates.
We look forward to seeing you!
## Event Schedule

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| 8:00 am to 12:00 pm| **Concurrent Session 1:** Native Voting Rights Summit – Preparing for November – Eagle  
**Concurrent Session 2:** Cultural Property and Indigenous Data Sovereignty Forum – Ballroom A  
**Concurrent Activity:** Free Professional Headshots – Sign-ups in Eagle |
| 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm| Option 1: General Members Lunch – Eagle  
Option 2: LGBTQ2S+ Roundtable and Lunch – SuperSuite |
| 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm | NNABA Annual Member Business Meeting and Board Elections – Eagle  
Remarks by ABA President Mary Smith | Reports from Regional Bars and Partners |
| 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm | Advancing Judicial Diversity Presentation and Panel – Eagle |
| 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm | Reception – Eagle Terrace |
| 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm | Justice is Medicine Celebration & Awards Dinner (Ticketed) – Ballroom A  
See ticket information below. |
| 8:30 pm to 10:00 pm| Dessert Wind Down – SuperSuite |
Sponsorship Opportunities

The NNABA Board crafted our sponsorship framework, incorporating meaningful words from our native languages that reflect our community’s values and mission. You can choose an option that resonates with you or contact us for a custom option that aligns better with your support for NNABA, native justice, and Native professionals. Sponsors receive reserved dinner seats and recognition in event marketing materials, online, and throughout the bar year as full-year NNABA sponsors. NNABA also welcomes collaboration opportunities with sponsors on future projects and events to create additional value for our organizations. For inquiries or to commit to sponsorship, along with receiving an invoice and W9 form, please reach out to NNABA at info@nativeamericanbar.org.

Nibwaakaawin (Ojibwe): wisdom and intelligence

Nibwaakaawin sponsors support NNABA’s work to develop and share legal and cultural knowledge and experience within the native legal community and the legal profession. These efforts enable the development of wisdom and judgment critically needed to advance justice for native communities and native success in the legal profession. Gift: $10,000.

SSY (Gadugi, Cherokee): to work together

SSY sponsors value and support NNABA’s work creating space and community for native attorneys and allies. Within this special community, we can share, nurture productive relationships, and work together for native justice and native excellence in the legal profession. Gift: $5,000.

Onipa’a (‘Olelo Hawai‘i): steadfast

Onipa’a sponsors celebrate NNABA’s steadfast commitment to advancing native people in the legal profession and justice for native communities. Onipa’a sponsors are also onipa’a—steadfast in their support for NNABA and our national community of native lawyers. Gift: $2,500.

Kijire Nagu (Winnebago/Ho–Chunk): to help on life’s journey

Kijire Nagu sponsors deeply value the relationships NNABA enables native attorneys to create and nurture across the profession so that we can be helpers to each other and our communities. Gift: $1,500.

Herome (Muscogee/Creek): generous, kind, or giving

Herome sponsors honor indigenous people’s traditional gifting ways as fundamental to our culture and one way that we take care of each other. They inspire generosity in all our efforts. Gift: $750.
Sponsorship Opportunities (continued)

Sponsor Dinner Tickets
Sponsors are welcome to fill a 10-seat table. Sometimes, however, a sponsor will have far fewer than 10 people attend the meeting. **If you will not use all your table seats, we ask that you let us know and allow us to offer unused seats to other members.** This will help avoid significant waste and be more inclusive. We have roughly 170 seats for this event, and our goal is to ensure that as many people can attend as would like. Thank you for your understanding. We are happy to discuss any special needs you have that may differ from this request.

How to Register:
- Contact us to arrange your sponsorship at info@nativeamericanbar.org.
- We will provide you with an invoice and W-9 if needed.
- You return payment, provide a copy of your logo for event materials, and confirm how many seats you would like held for your meeting attendees and guests.
- We will put a hold on the number of seats you need in the EventBrite system and give you a promo code that can be used to register your guests.
- You register your guests or ask them to register themselves with the promo code and link to register on the EventBrite platform: [http://tinyurl.com/NNABA2024](http://tinyurl.com/NNABA2024) Registration allows us to track their meal choices and dietary restrictions.
- Please tell your guests not to register until they have their promo code, so that they do not have to pay individually. **Sponsor guests do not pay when registering. Your sponsor promo code provides a 100% discount.**
For individuals, payment is only required for the celebration dinner. There is no cost to participate in the other parts of the meeting.

To secure your seat at dinner, register at our EventBrite site here: http://tinyurl.com/NNABA2024

**Individual Dinner Ticket Fees:**

- **Regular** – $150 per person – This above-cost price allows us to offset discounts provided to students and members that need it.
- **At Cost Ticket** – $75 per person – Members in our community that need it are welcome to opt into a ticket priced at-cost for the dinner. For this discount, use the promo code ATCOST in the EventBrite system.
- **Student** – $25 per person. For this discount, use the promo code STUDENT in the EventBrite system.

Our goal is to be inclusive of our members and accommodate as many as possible to our celebration. If cost is a barrier to your participation, please contact NNABA at info@nativeamericanbar.org.

Tickets could sell out to the dinner. Tickets sold out last year. **Early registration is recommended to secure your seat.**
Thank you.
We are grateful for your support.

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