Brackeen v. Haaland: Breaking Down the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals En Banc ICWA Decision and the Next Steps to Protect Indian Children and Tribal Sovereignty

Wednesday, June 23, 2021
4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. EDT

Over the past two years National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Child Welfare Association, Native American Rights Fund, and the Association on American Indian Affairs have worked together to create the Protect ICWA Campaign to help coordinate policy, legal, and communications efforts to protect Indian children and uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act. This panel will focus on the outcomes of the April 5, 2021, 5th Circuit En Banc ruling, what does the ruling mean for Tribal Nations today, and how you can join in the efforts to protect Indian children in the next steps of the case.

1. Short Announcements

2. Presenter Order
   a. Moderator: Shannon O’Loughlin, Chief Executive and Attorney, Associations of American Indian Affairs
   b. Erin Dougherty Lynch, Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
   c. Dan Lewerenz, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
   d. Sarah Kastelic, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association
   e. Amory Zschach, Strategic Communications Manager, National Indian Child Welfare Association

3. Tribal Leader Questions and Discussion

4. Adjourn