

#### **Featured Speakers & Panelists:**

Raymond Austin (Justice Emeritus Navajo Nation Supreme Court); Adam Crepelle (Professor of Law at SULC); Joseph Austin (Attorney & CEO of OSA); Robert Miller (Professor of Law at ASU); Stacy Leeds (Dean Emeritus of U. Ark. School of Law); Bailey Walker (President of Okla. Indian Chamber of Commerce); Annetta Abbott (Past President Okla. Indian Chamber of Commerce); Boyd Miller (Past President Okla. Indian Chamber of Commerce); Marc Roark (Professor of Law); Rebecca Naragon (Econ. Dev. Director, USET); Patrice Kunesh (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis); Terry Anderson (Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution at Stanford University); Colby Duren (Director of Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative); Miriam Jorgensen (Director of Research Native Nations Institute)

# Conference Dates: March 13-15, 2019

Hosted by the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana & Southern University Law Center at the Coushatta Casino Resort in Kinder, Louisiana

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual All Roads Lead to Chaco Conference is centered on creating business opportunities and trade partnerships in Indian Country. Despite the large land masses of Indian reservations and the accompanying incentives such as the HUB Zone program, private entrepreneurs are often hesitant to invest in Indian Country. This conference will help business people understand the legal framework surrounding tribes and show them how to navigate the intricacies of doing business in Indian country. Further, it will suggest strategies that tribal leaders can use to make their reservations more attractive for private businesses. Leading experts will present on the following topics:

Historic Tribal Trade and Economic Practices ● Nation Building ● Creating Private Sector Economies on Reservations
Removing Barriers to Entrepreneurship in Indian Country ● Inter-Tribal Trade ● Tribal-State Business Partnerships
Business Transactions and Enforcing Contracts in Indian Country ● Tribes and International Trade
For CLE and Lodging info see the conference website for details!









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#### **Conference Website:**

www.team-osa.com/all-roads-lead-tochaco-canyon

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# Coushatta Tribe to Host 2nd Annual "All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon" Business Conference March 13-15, 2019

ELTON, LOUISIANA (January 25, 2019) – The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana and Southern University Law Center are hosting and sponsoring the 2nd Annual "All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon" Conference at the Coushatta Casino Resort, 777 Coushatta Drive, Kinder, Louisiana 70648, on March 13-15, 2019. The conference has been approved for a total of 13.16 CLE credits for attorneys, including 2 hours of ethics and 1 hour of professionalism.

The conference, centered on creating business opportunities and trade partnerships in Indian Country, was founded and is being organized by Adam Crepelle (Professor of Law at Southern University Law Center) and Joseph Austin (Attorney and CEO of Olea, Solórzano & Austin), both having extensive knowledge in Indian law and tribal economic development. Because of the conference's unique subject matter and innovative topics, it has been endorsed, supported, and sponsored by entities such as the World Trade Center of New Orleans, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, and Oklahoma Indian Chamber of Commerce.

Despite the large land masses of Indian reservations and the accompanying incentives such as the HUB Zone program, the benefit of investing in Indian Country remains an uncharted opportunity for some business communities. This conference will cover the legal framework surrounding tribes and alleviate the intricacies of doing business in Indian country. Further, it will suggest strategies that tribal leaders can use to make their reservations more attractive for private businesses. Leading experts will present on the following topics: Historic Tribal Trade and Economic Practices, Nation Building, Creating Private Sector Economies on Reservations, Removing Barriers to Entrepreneurship in Indian Country, Inter-Tribal Trade, Tribal-State Business Partnerships, Business Transactions and Enforcing Contracts in Indian Country, and Tribes and International Trade.

For more information about the 2nd Annual "All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon" Business Conference, as well as information about CLE and lodging, please go to the conference website at <a href="https://www.team-osa.com/all-roads-lead-to-chaco-canyon">https://www.team-osa.com/all-roads-lead-to-chaco-canyon</a>.

For more information about the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, please contact Tricia Poncho at (337) 584-1401 or triciaponcho@coushatta.org.

#### **Details**

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**Business Conference** 

**When:** March 13-15, 2019

Where: Coushatta Casino Resort

777 Coushatta Drive Kinder, Louisiana 70648

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### About the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana

After many years and hardships, including being illegally "terminated" without legislation during the Eisenhower administration, the Coushatta Tribe was officially re-recognized by the United States Government in 1973 and marked a major turning point in tribal history in 1985 with the election by popular vote of the first Coushatta tribal government.

From their earliest days as a proud, hard-working people struggling to maintain longstanding traditions in the face of possible relocation, the Coushatta Indians have endured and overcome every hardship they have faced and have remained on tribal lands in and around Elton, Louisiana, since the 1800s. Despite serious setbacks and some population dispersal, the tribe's character and ideals have not only held fast, but have been strengthened. The Coushatta language, Koasati, is still spoken as a first language in the Coushatta community today.

The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana owns and operates Coushatta Casino Resort, which employs more than 2,700 area residents. For more information about the Tribe, visit <a href="https://www.koasatiheritage.org">www.koasatiheritage.org</a>. For more information about the Coushatta Casino Resort, visit <a href="https://www.coushattacasinoresort.com">www.coushattacasinoresort.com</a>.