

## Tentative Agenda Overview

### Monday, December 8

- 3:00-8:00 pm Gathering Registration
- 5:00-6:00 pm Facilitators & Scribes Meeting
- 6:00-8:00 pm Welcome Reception

### Tuesday, December 9

- 8:30-10:15 am Opening & Welcome
- 10:30-11:30 am State of the Pathway
- 11:30-12:30 pm Success in Collaboration
- 12:30-1:30 pm Lunch & Regional Breakouts
- 1:45-2:45 pm Report Back: Regional Breakouts
- 2:45-3:30 pm Challenges
- 3:45-4:30 pm Regional Breakouts:  
Overcoming the Challenges
- 4:30-5:00 pm Day One Closing

### Wednesday, December 10

- 8:00-8:15 am Introduction & Recap
- 8:15-9:30 am Speaking to the Challenges:  
Out of the Box Approach
- 9:45-11:15 am Regional Breakouts:  
Possibilities for the Future
- 11:15-Noon Panel on Funding Resources  
(NTJRC, NAICJA, NARF, ABA)
- Noon-1:00 pm Lunch (provided)
- 1:15-2:00 pm Communication, Information,  
& Collaboration: Building Bridges and  
Action Plans
- 2:00-3:15 pm Regional Breakouts:  
Action Plans
- 3:15-4:15 pm Regional Report Back
- 4:15-4:45 pm Final Thoughts
- 4:45-5:00 pm Close of Gathering

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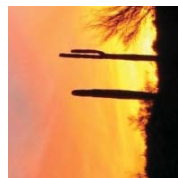
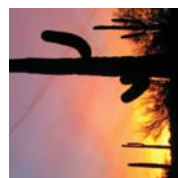
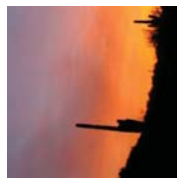
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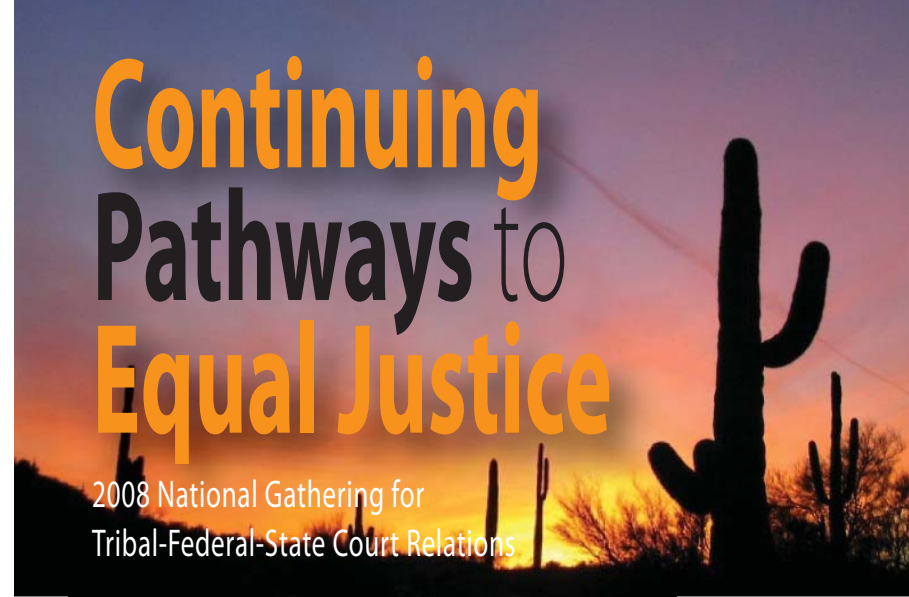
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**//We are a nation of nations...we have so many different cultures and so many different opportunities...we need to hear each other and to listen and learn//**

Domingo Herraiz  
Director of BJA,OJP

**//Cooperation among tribal, state and federal courts as well as related law enforcement and service agencies is essential to the effective administration of justice in this country//**

Shirley Abrahamson  
Chief Justice of Wisconsin Supreme Court

## Continuing Pathways to Equal Justice

Continuing Pathways to Equal Justice is a sharing event where judges and court personnel will discuss experiences and successes that have enhanced cooperation and collaboration between tribal, state, and federal justice systems. It is also a gathering aimed at overcoming challenges that still impede communication and the efficient administration of justice.

Judges and other justice staff who participated in the 2005 gathering identified a need for cooperation among the courts to resolve and reduce jurisdictional disputes. This opened the path for further discussion and work. Now, in 2008, this gathering will allow participants to explore the progress made since the 2005 gathering. They will discuss ways to strengthen the relationships between the justice systems.

Judges and all others involved in the justice system are invited to walk the path to common ground where mutual respect, understanding, collegial discussion, and positive change can take place. All people deserve justice; all justice systems need to share a strong commitment to the people that are served.

## Who Should Attend

This gathering is intended for those committed to improving the understanding, coordination, collaboration, and communication among justice systems. It is for tribal, federal, and state court judges; court commissioners; court administrators; peacemakers; mediators; traditional forum practitioners; pretrial services; attorneys; lay advocates; and guardians ad litem.

## Gathering Fee

There is no fee to attend this Gathering; however, registration IS REQUIRED.

## Scholarships

Financial assistance may be available in the form of scholarships for state and tribal attendees. Assistance will be provided on a reimbursement basis only. Additional information on financial assistance is included on the registration form.

## Training & Lodging Site

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888 East Tahquitz Canyon Way  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

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## Visit the Website!

Visit [www.fvtc.edu/WOCG](http://www.fvtc.edu/WOCG) to:

- View the draft gathering agenda
- Access the registration form
- Link to the hotel website
- Link to the National Indian Nations Conference website

## Questions

For questions regarding this gathering, contact Christine Folsom-Smith at **(800) 255-8343** or email [ntjc@judges.org](mailto:ntjc@judges.org).

If you do not have Internet access, contact Muriel Bartlett, NTJC Registrar, at **(800) 255-8343** to have a registration form mailed/faxed to you.

## Plan to also attend! 11th National Indian Nations Conference

The gathering will be held prior to the Indian Nations Conference on December 11-13, 2008. The theme is "Strengthening the Heartbeat of all our Relations." This is a separate event that requires separate registration. Register at [www.ovcinc.org/registration.aspx](http://www.ovcinc.org/registration.aspx).

The 11th National Indian Nations Conference is coordinated by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute under a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.