

Deconstructing the Baby Veronica Case: Implications for Working with Fathers in Indian Child Welfare Practice

October 29, 2013

Agenda

- 8:30-9:00 Opening Ceremony
Sandy Whitehawk, Jerry Dearly, Dorene Day
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome
Traci LaLiberte and Priscilla Day
- 9:15-10:15 Overview of Indian Child Welfare and its Implications for Fathers
Judge William Thorne
- 10:15-10:40 Legal Context of Case: Perspective of the Tribe
Chrissi Nimmo, Assistant Attorney General of the Cherokee Nation
- 10:40-10:55 Break
- 10:55-11:20 Legal Context of Case: Perspective of the Adoptive Family
Mark Fiddler, Attorney representing the Capobianco Family
- 11:20-12:00 Audience Q & A
Moderator: Sarah Deer, Assistant Professor of Law, William Mitchell College of Law
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-1:30 Indian Child Welfare in Minnesota
Dr. Erma J. Vizenor, Chairwoman, White Earth Nation
- 1:30-2:30 Panel Discussion: Implications for Indian Child Welfare Practice with Fathers
Moderator: Sarah Deer, Assistant Professor of Law, William Mitchell College of Law
Panelists: Terry Cross (NICWA), Essie Leoso (Tribal/County Worker Perspective), Mary Boo (NACAC), Erma Vizenor (White Earth Nation)
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45-3:45 Audience Q & A/Comments
- 3:45-4:00pm Closing Remarks
Judge William Thorne