



Marijuana and Tax Policy in Indian Country

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

1:30pm - 4:00pm

Grand Ballroom H

Following the legalization of marijuana in several Western states, the Department of Justice issued a Policy Statement Regarding Marijuana Issues in Indian Country. This session will discuss aspects of this important issue, as well as the tax implications of expansion of marijuana industries into Indian Country. This session also seeks to advance the National Congress of American Indians' progress in furthering tribal tax initiatives, with a focus on the Tribal Tax Advisory Committee, perhaps the expected Right of Way regulations, and our overall goal to promote good tax policy and economic growth on Indian reservations.

Moderators:

Arlan Melendez, Chair, Reno Sparks Indian Colony, and National Congress of American Indians Subcommittee on Taxation

John Dossett, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

1. Industrial Hemp and Medical Marijuana as an Agricultural Product

Tim Purdon, Robins Kaplan, former U.S. Attorney for North Dakota

Janie Hipp, Director of the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, Arkansas School of Law, former Advisor for Tribal Relations to Secretary of Agriculture

2. Legalization at Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

Tribal President Anthony Reider

3. State-Tribal Agreements Concerning Marijuana Regulation in Washington State

Christina Masse, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP

4. Discussion of Pending Tribal Tax Advisory Committee Appointments under General Welfare Exclusion Act (and expected Right of Way Regulations)

5. IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities 2015 Recommendations

6. Update and Discussion: Tax Reform Efforts in Congress