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## National Tribal Trial College March 2022 Newsletter

### UPCOMING NTTC EVENTS

#### 2022 Certificate in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy Course Begins



The National Tribal Trial College is proud to announce it's 8th year of the Certificate in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy Course!

This year we have accepted 42 applicants from 16 different states. Upon completion of the 20-week course, they will meet on-site at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School in July 2022.

For more information please visit  
[www.nttconline.org](http://www.nttconline.org)



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#### Advanced Class in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy



The National Tribal Trial College would like to announce the **Advanced Class in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy**. This class will encompass **5 weeks of online learning and 3 days of in-person training**.



The **online portion of the course will be held from June 6 to July 10, 2022**. The **in-person training will be held from July 25 to July 27, 2022** at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School.

Applications will be available on the NTTC website soon! Announcements will be sent to all former students. **Class size will be limited.**

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



### Ramona Eason

Dispatch & Records Supervisor, Pima County Sheriff's Department and Pima Community College Police Department  
Navajo Nation  
Class of 2021

Ya'a'teeh, Shikee doo' Shidine'e. My name is Ramona Eason (Thompson). I am of the Honey Combed Rock People clan (Tsé'ńjikiní) born for the Deer Spring clan (Bijh bitoodnii). My maternal grandfather is The Towering House clan (Kiyaa'áanii) and my paternal grandfather is the Manygoats clan (T'í'ízí lání). This is how I identify myself as a Navajo woman.

I am originally from Birdsprings, Arizona and I currently reside in Tucson, Arizona. I graduated from the National Tribal Trial College in July 2021. My background includes twenty plus years of experience working in law enforcement in the Dispatch and Records Units for the Pima County Sheriff's Department and the Pima Community College Police Department. I am currently taking paralegal courses at Pima Community College and I aspire to someday graduate from law school.

My experience with NTTC was amazing, from start to finish. Due to COVID-19, all instruction was provided virtual, but the material and the sessions were engaging and kept me on my toes. I learned a great deal, where I expect to use what I've learned to assist in passing the Navajo Nation bar exam in March

2022. All the instructors were phenomenal in my education and I can never thank them enough!

The certification has had a major influence and will enhance my ability to fight for victim rights when I am able to prosecute on the Navajo Nation. I want to represent my Navajo community and assure them I am here for them, for their good and to fight for their rights. I will continue to look forward to sharing my learning experience, my perspective of “all things are possible!” My advice to incoming NTTC classes is to be proud of WHO you are and WHAT you do. Never be ashamed that you are from the reservation. This field isn’t for everyone, but know that you are taking that step to represent your Indian Communities speaks volumes. Take pride in protecting our people and all that we stand for!

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Beth O'Keefe is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Indigenous Women's Society (MIWS). She has served as the director since 2014. She is an enrolled member of the Lower Sioux Indian Community. Her maternal side is Mdewakanton Dakota, and Mexican, and her paternal side is Irish. Beth also serves as a member of the NTTC team by supporting the advocates in the program by using her talents as an actor to role play as a witness during the moot court trials.

Beth is a 2019 graduate of the National Tribal Trial College (NTTC). She lives in Minnesota, a Public Law 280 state. This law can cause many jurisdictional barriers and sometimes complicates the lives of Native people living in Minnesota. She recalls having a difficult time finding a training for procedure in Tribal Court that addresses the many jurisdictional issues that Indigenous people face every day. She credits the NTTC staff in supporting her learning to better serve relatives living in or around the Upper and Lower Sioux Tribal communities where she works and lives.

## RESOURCES

### LSAT Preparation



### **What is the LSAT?**

The LSAT is an important part of law school admission. The LSAT is designed to test your reading comprehension, reasoning, and writing skills. The test results help admission decision makers and candidates gain valuable insight as to law school readiness.



### **Why is it important to prepare for the LSAT?**

LSAT scores provide an accurate prediction of a candidate's first-year performance in law school. LSAT scores are used as a predictor of first-year law school performance.

### **Free study guides and resources:**

Khan Academy LSAT Prep

<https://www.khanacademy.org/prep/lsat>

Kaplan Free LSAT Practice Test

<https://www.kaptest.com/lsat/free/free-lsat-practice-test>

LSAT Center: Free LSAT Prep

<https://www.lsat-center.com/>

LSAC Tools & Resources <https://www.lsac.org/lsat/prep>

Free LSAT Hacks & Explanations <https://lsathacks.com/explanations/>

UW Law School admissions priorities webpage

<https://law.wisc.edu/prospective/criteria.html>

**ADVANCED COURSES WILL BE  
AVAILABLE IN 2022.**

**HELP US RAISE MONEY  
TO ADD MORE COURSEWORK FOR OUR  
TRIBAL ADVOCATES**



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## IN THE NEWS



### Jaci McCormack Highlighted in the Film, "Rise Above"

Jaci McCormack (Nez Perce) is a 2019 NTTC graduate. She works as a Victims Services Coordinator for the Tulalip Prosecutor's Office. Jaci is also the founder of the non-profit organization, Rise Above. Rise Above aims to invest in Indigenous youth by empowering them to lead healthy lives through education, mentorship, and prevention skills. They work closely with Tribal Nations and partners to create tailored education programs with basketball clinics. Through her work with Rise Above and her experience as a collegiate basketball player, Jaci's work has been highlighted in the film "Rise Above" which highlights her inspirational journey as a Native American woman navigating trials and tribulations.

[To read the news article, click here](#)



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**Changing jobs?**

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