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# National Tribal Trial College December 2024 Newsletter

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## NTTC UPCOMING EVENTS

**Registration for the 2025 NTTC Course is  
now Open!**



In 6 months **YOU** could earn your **FREE** certificate in

## **TRIBAL COURT LEGAL ADVOCACY**

**Learn to litigate civil Tribal Court cases to advance safety and justice for American Indian/ Alaska Native survivors of domestic and sexual violence.**

Admission is competitive. Priority of admission is reserved for advocates who serve American Indian/Alaska Native survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

For registration and more information contact us at:

**info@nttconline.org**  
**(520) 623-8192**  
**www.nttc.extension.wisc.edu**



The **FREE** course is comprised of **20 weeks** of online learning and **1 week** of in-person, interactive, skill building sessions that will take place at the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison, Wisconsin.

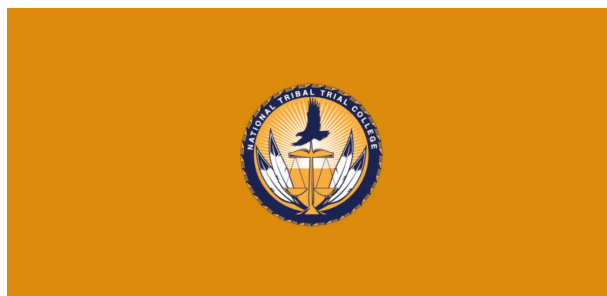
Successful completion of this course results in a certificate issued jointly by the **National Tribal Trial College** and the **University of Wisconsin Law School**.

This course has been approved by the **United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women**, the **University of Wisconsin Law School**, and the **Southwest Center for Law and Policy**.



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Applications are available at:  
[National Tribal Trial College – Division of Extension \(wisc.edu\)](http://www.nttc.extension.wisc.edu)



### **Important Dates:**

Applications available online: **December 1, 2024**

Applications due: **January 10, 2025**

Notification of admission: **January 17, 2025**

(20-Week) Online course start date: **February 3, 2025**

(40-hour) Onsite course in Madison, WI: **July 21-25, 2025**

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## Open Notices of Funding Opportunities - Fiscal Year 2025

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NTTC graduates can apply for funding to develop new legal services programs to serve victims in tribal courts through these OVW grant programs with deadlines in January 2025:

**Justice for Families Program:**

<https://www.justice.gov/media/1378471/dl?inline>

Deadline: January 22, 2025

**Legal Assistance for Victims (LAV) Grant Program:**

<https://www.justice.gov/media/1379336/dl?inline>

Deadline: January 30, 2025

**Expanding Legal Services Initiative (ELSI) - Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program:**

<https://www.justice.gov/media/1379366/dl?inline>

Deadline: January 30, 2025

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## NTTC EVENTS

### NTTC attended the OVC 18th National Indian Nations Conference, Palm Springs, California

The Office for Victims of Crime, United States Department of Justice Conference is held every other year and provides an excellent opportunity to both learn new skills and to network with other Indian Country and Alaska legal professionals.

Full scholarships (registration/lodging/travel) are often available for this National conference held every two years. The scholarship applications normally open in June. Mark your calendars to attend during the first full week of December 2026!

The National Tribal Trial College faculty presented three workshops during this year's conference. Many of you stopped by our NTTC information booth to update us on your lives and your success!



Judge Voluck (NTTC Faculty) and Hallie Bongar White



Debbie Garcia (Advanced NTTC Graduate 2024), Hallie Bongar White, and Chelsa Seciwa (NTTC Graduate 2018)



Hallie Bongar White and Marlene Minnette (NTTC graduate 2024)



Wynina Old Coyote (NTTC graduate 2024) and Hallie Bongar White



Toni Mahlo and Lori Rose (Both Advanced NTTC Graduates 2024)



Valaura Imus (NTTC Graduate 2018) and Hallie Bongar White

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Fundraising and Donations

Does your Tribe give grants or donations? The National Tribal Trial College is a small 501c (3) non-profit organization funded entirely by federal grants and donations. All Certificates and coursework are offered free of charge to our Indian Country and Alaska students.

Please let us know if you have any ideas for fundraising and/or

donations to help sustain and expand our work. We can be reached at email: [info@nttconline.org](mailto:info@nttconline.org)

We are grateful!



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## New Opportunities

### Pre-Law Summer Institute

#### Dates & Deadlines for In-Person Summer 2025:

- Application must be received by Friday, March 14, 2025. Applicants who miss the deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.
- Check-in and registration: May 28-29, 2025
- Mandatory Orientation: May 30, 2025
- Classes Begin: June 2, 2025
- Final Exams: July 18, 21-22, 2025
  - Appellate Arguments: July 24-25, 2025
- Graduation Banquet: July 25, 2025

PLSI is an intensive two-month program that prepares American Indian and Alaska Native individuals for the rigors of law school by essentially replicating the first semester of law school. PLSI is free!

Please see [Application Information and Important Dates | AILC • American Indian Law Center, Inc. \(ailc-inc.org\)](#) for more information on who should attend, required documents and more.

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**Pathway to Law Initiative: Native American Law**

# School Admissions Workshop

The Native American Pathway to Law Pre-Law programs educate and help students successfully navigate the law school application process. The workshops will assist participants in preparing competitive applications. Come learn how to successfully apply to law school and network with law school professionals.

Who should attend?

College Sophomores, Juniors/Seniors, master's students and college graduates preparing for law school.

Why attend?

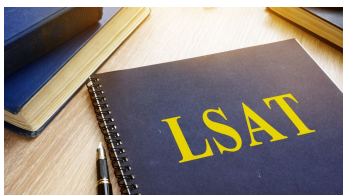
- Learn about law school and career options
- Obtain information about the varied admissions criteria for law school
- Work with mentors to develop an effective application, resume, and personal statement
- Explore law school funding options
- Receive test prep tips for the LSAT
- Network with other participants, faculty, and professionals
- Hear from former and current American Indian law students

Please see [Pathway to Law Initiative | ASU | Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law](#) for more information! Look out for applications opening at the beginning of 2025! The program is free!

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## LSAT Preparation

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### 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 on 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.lsat.org/lsat/prep>



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