

# Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Judicial Symposium

**Thursday, April 24, 2014**

**8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Alabama-Coushatta Tribe's Special Events Center  
Alabama-Coushatta Reservation, Texas

*Protecting our Children and Families...  
Moving Toward a Healthy  
and Vital Community Through  
Tribal-State-Federal Collaboration*



*Stop the cycle of violence by honoring our way of life through our language,  
culture and tradition. We have a duty to develop and enhance  
partnerships to protect our children and families - they are our future!*

*ALILAMOULO!*

~ Hon. Jo Ann Battise, Senior Peacemaker

## AGENDA

<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>Teresa Battise</b> , Clerk of the Court	<b>7:30 – 8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>PRAYER</b>	<b>Miss Alabama-Coushatta</b>	<b>8:30 – 9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTION OF TRIBAL CHIEFS/LEADERS</b>	<b>Hon. Jo Ann Battise</b> , Senior Peacemaker, Alabama-Coushatta; Commissioner, Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families	
<b>INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS</b>		
<b>STATEMENT OF PURPOSE</b>		
<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS: STOP THE CYCLE OF INTERGENERATIONAL VIOLENCE!</b> <i>Facilitator: Hon. Jo Ann Battise</i> , Senior Peacemaker, Alabama-Coushatta		<b>9:00 – 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>A. TRIBAL-FEDERAL PROTOCOLS &amp; PERSPECTIVE</b> <i>SPEAKER: Tricia Tingle</i> , Associate Director, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs		
<b>B. PEACEMAKER COURT – A STATE PERSPECTIVE</b> <i>SPEAKER: Hon. Timothy P. Connors</i> , Judge, Washtenaw County Trial Court, Ann Arbor, Michigan		
<b>BREAK</b>		<b>10:00 – 10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>ICWA: IN THE WAKE OF BABY VERONICA</b> <i>Facilitator: Cheryl D. Fairbanks</i> , Attorney and Tribal Justice <i>SPEAKER: Chrissi Ross Nimmo</i> , Assistant Attorney General, Cherokee Nation		<b>10:15 – 11:15 a.m.</b>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NATIONAL INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT CURRICULUM; NATIONAL UPDATES: ICWA ACROSS THE NATION</b> <i>Facilitator: Hon. Robert Mann</i> , Chief Judge, Alabama-Coushatta Tribal Court <i>SPEAKER: Gina Jackson</i> , Director ICW, IPA, Casey Family Programs		<b>11:15 – 11:45 a.m.</b>

**LUNCH** (provided)

**Noon – 1:15 p.m.**

**A. Facilitator: Larry Williams**, Court Consultant, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas  
**With a Performance by Tribal Dancers**

**B. Facilitator: Hon. Genevieve Rhinesmith**, Peacemaker, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas  
**SPEAKER: Hon. David E. Stucki**, President, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

**PANEL DISCUSSION: OVERVIEW OF STATE-TRIBAL COLLABORATIVE MODELS**

**1:15 – 2:15 p.m.**

**Facilitator: Hon. Arnold Battise**, Attorney and Judge (Retired) Alabama-Coushatta Tribe; Chairman, Native American Law Section of the State Bar of Texas

**PANELISTS: Hon. Monica Zamora**, Justice, New Mexico Court of Appeals and Co-Chair of the New Mexico State-Tribal Consortium  
**Hon. Richard Blake**, Chief Judge, Hoopa Valley Tribe; Vice President of the National American Indian Court Judges Association  
**Mr. Michael Martinez**, Chair, Texas State-Tribal Quarterly Meetings; Program Specialist, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

**PANEL DISCUSSION: FAMILY CONFERENCING AS A PRE-LITIGATION TOOL**

**2:15 – 2:45 p.m.**

**Facilitator: Hon. Julie Williams**, Peacemaker, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

**PANELISTS: Samantha Battise**, Social Services, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas  
**Deanna Maldonado**, Indian Child Welfare Worker, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

**PANEL DISCUSSION: ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TEXAS PEACEMAKER MODEL**

**2:45 – 3:30 p.m.**

**Facilitator: Othelda Jean Williams**, Peacemaker, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

**PANELISTS: Hon. Genevieve Rhinesmith**, Peacemaker, Peacemaker, Alabama-Coushatta  
**Hon. Julie Williams**, Peacemaker, Alabama-Coushatta  
**Hon. Jo Ann Battise**, Senior Peacemaker, Alabama-Coushatta  
**Larry D. Williams**, Court Consultant  
**Hon. Robert H. Mann**, Chief Judge, Alabama-Coushatta Civil Court

**CLOSING COMMENTS: OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES, OUR FUTURE**

**3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

**Facilitator: Pam Walker**, Polk County District Attorney's Office, State of Texas

**PANELISTS: Hon. Anita Fineday**, Managing Director, Indian Child Welfare Programs, Casey Family Programs  
**Kristi Taylor**, Program Attorney, Supreme Court of Texas Children's Commission  
**Nita Battise**, Vice-Chairman and Tribal Council/Judicial Liaison, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

**PRAYER**

*ALILAMOULO! ~ THANK YOU!*

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