

## Keynote Speaker - Judge B.J. Jones



**BJ Jones** is the Director of the Tribal Judicial Institute at the University of North Dakota School of Law where he also teaches Indian law and social justice issues as an Adjunct Professor. He has been a Tribal Judge for over 25 years, now serving as the Chief Judge for Sisseton-Wahpeton in South Dakota and Prairie Island in Minnesota. He also serves as an Associate Judge for Standing Rock, Oglala Sioux Supreme Court, White Earth, and as a pro tem Judge for numerous other Tribes in Minnesota, Montana, and the Dakotas. He serves as a member of both the North Dakota Tribal-State Court forum and the Minnesota Committee on Tribal and State Courts and was the Co-Chair of the South Dakota Committee on ICWA compliance.

He was a legal services attorney on the Rosebud and Standing Rock reservations for eleven years prior to assuming the bench. He is a 1984 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law.