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Tribal State Court Consortium

Webinar 1: "A Multidisciplinary Response to Sex Trafficking in Indigenous Communities"

> Thursday, November 30, 2023 1:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. (PST)





The <u>Tribal State Court Consortium</u> is pleased to invite our Washington State Tribal Court Judges, State Court Judges, Court System Employees, Youth Justice Programs, DV/SA Advocates, Health Advocates, and Law Enforcement Officers to a special webinar presentation.

This presentation emerges from the <u>2021 Gender Justice Study Report</u> reiterating disproportionate victimization of Indigenous communities experiencing sex trafficking. With guidance from Kelly Stoner & Bonnie Clairmont of <u>Tribal Law and Policy Institute</u>, we will gain valuable education and best practices for victims of sex trafficking, including risk factors, impacts of trauma, culturally appropriate services, and much more.

This webinar is interactive with our audience as we explore and actively discuss how to use a multidisciplinary approach that may be more culturally aligned for Indigenous communities.

### Presenters

Tribal Law & Policy Institute





Bonnie Clairmont

Kelly Stoner

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#### Kelly Stoner, Victim Advocacy Legal Specialist, (Cherokee):



Kelly Stoner serves as TLPI's Victim Advocacy Legal Specialist. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1988. For the past twenty years, Kelly has taught at the North Dakota School of Law and Oklahoma City University School of Law (OKCU) where she taught American Indian/ Tribal Law and Domestic Violence related classes. She directed the University of North Dakota Native American Law Project that served clients of the Spirit Lake Reservation with a caseload that targeted domestic violence and sexual assault cases. In 2011, Kelly was appointed as a Judge for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. She also supervised a project in partnership with the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma that established a SAFE Unit at a local hospital, recruited SANEs and targeted community

education on domestic violence and sexual assault. Kelly directed the Native American Legal Resource Center at OKCU where she supervised law students prosecuting Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking cases and representing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in civil matters. She is a frequent lecturer for the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence and for the Office on Violence Against Women's national technical assistance providers on domestic violence issues in Indian Country. Ms. Stoner helped to launch Oklahoma's only tribal coalition against domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking- the Native Alliance Against Violence.

#### Bonnie Clairmont, Victim Advocacy Specialist, (Ho-Chunk):



Bonnie Clairmont serves from TLPI's Minnesota office. Prior to her employment with TLPI, she was the Outreach/Client Services Coordinator for Sexual Offense Services of Ramsey County, a rape crisis center. While employed there, Bonnie provided leadership in the development of Sexual Assault Response Teams and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner programs and offered guidance with multidisciplinary sexual assault protocol development. She has worked more than twenty-five years advocating for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. She has dedicated much of her work to providing and improving services for victim/survivors of sexual assault, battering, and child sexual abuse, particularly those from

American Indian communities. For four years she coordinated the Strengthening the Circle of Trust Conference, a conference focusing on sexual assault and exploitation perpetrated by American Indian spiritual leaders/medicine men. Bonnie co-edited a recently published book "Sharing Our Stories of Survival" an anthology of writing by Native Women who've experienced violence. Bonnie provided technical assistance to research conducted by Amnesty International USA that led to the report, "Maze of Injustice: The failure to protect Indigenous Women from sexual violence in the USA." She and her partner Jim Clairmont have two children and five grandchildren.

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#### **Resources:**

- 2021 Gender Justice Study Report Focus areas: Chapter 10
- Chapter 13: Domestic Violence & Tribal Courts
- Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction over Non-Indians Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2022
- Tribal Law and Policy Institute Website
- Tribal Law and Policy Institute Tribal Sex Trafficking Resource Page