

2025 Supreme Court Symposium
TÁCELŚW SIÁM: A Call to Justice for Indigenous Peoples
TÁCELŚW SIÁM is a Salish term for welcoming a respected person
Wed., June 11, 2025, 8:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- I. 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks and Ceremony**
Judge Veronica Galván, MJC Co-Chair, King County Superior Court
Members of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- II. 9:00 – 9:05 a.m. **Message from Fmr. DOI Secretary Deb Haaland**
- III. 9:05 – 9:45 a.m. **Film Introduction Discussion**
Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis
- 9:45 – 10:00 **BREAK**
- IV. 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Film Screening: [Sugarcane](#)**
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **LUNCH and CONNECTION**
- V. 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Lecture: *The Reach and Limits of Tribal Sovereignty and Tribal Self-Determination***
Brooke Pinkham, Director, Seattle University Northwest Center for Indigenous Law
Autumn Liner-Sanders, Tribal Attorney
- VI. 2:00 – 4:45 p.m. **State Issues Recognizing Indigenous Humanity:**
- a. 2:00 p.m. ***Intergenerational Trauma Speaker Panel***
Gabe Galanda, Ben Brockie, Travis Comeslast, Charles Longshore
- b. 3:00 p.m. **BREAK**
- c. 3:10 ***Domestic Violence Protection Orders, MMIP, and Supporting Survivors of Gender-Based Violence***
Mary Bent, Attorney, Northwest Justice Project Native American Unit
- d. 3:40 p.m. ***Restoring Indian Child Welfare***
Judge Cindy Smith, Chief Judge, Suquamish Tribal Court
Commissioner Michelle Ressa, Spokane County Superior Court
- VII. 4:45 – 5:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Willie Frank III
Frank Thomas, Minority and Justice Commission
- VIII. 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. **Evening Address: *The Future of State and Tribal Court Collaboration***
Buffet Dinner Served
Chief Justice Debra Stephens
Judge Lori K. Smith and Judge Cindy Smith, Co-chairs, Tribal State Court Consortium