

Kate Fort, Director of Clinics, Michigan State University College of Law

Kate is the Director of Clinics at the Michigan State University College of Law. In 2015, she started the Indian Child Welfare Act Appellate Project, which assists tribes in ICWA cases across the country. She is also the author of *American Indian Children and the Law*, published by Carolina Academic Press. In her role with the Center she teaches the Indian Law Clinic class and traditional classes in federal Indian law, researches and writes on behalf of Center clients, and manages administrative aspects of the Center.

Neoshia R. Roemer, Professor, University of Idaho School of Law

Neoshia R. Roemer is the newest faculty member at the University of Idaho College of Law. Prior to this, she was the Staff Attorney at the Indigenous Law & Policy Center at Michigan State University College of Law where she supervised the Indian Law Clinic and worked in the ICWA Appellate Project. Her academic interests include federal Indian Law policy, child welfare, children's rights, juvenile defense, and violence against women. She has authored several scholarly articles in these areas.

Hali McKelvie, Community Outreach Specialist, Uniting Three Fires Against Violence

Hali McKelvie is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Hali has been the Community Outreach Specialist for Uniting Three Fires Against Violence (UTFAV) since the fall of 2014. Prior to her employment there, Hali served as their board treasurer and worked as a Community Educator for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Advocacy Resource Center. Hali has a strong background in substance abuse treatment and community reintegration and advocated for the passing of the Violence Against Women Act (2013) at the national level.

Lenny Hayes, Owner and Operator, Tate Topa Consulting, LLC

Lenny Hayes, MA, is a citizen of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate tribe. He is also owner and operator of Tate Topa Consulting, LLC and is currently in private practice specializing in Marriage & Family Therapy. He has extensive training in mental and chemical health issues that impact the Two-Spirit/Native LGBTQ and Native community. Lenny has traveled nationally and locally training and presenting on the issues that impact both the Two-Spirit/Native LGBTQ individual and community. Lenny is former Chairman of the Board of the MN Two-Spirit Society. He is also a member of numerous boards and the consultant on a variety of national projects working with foster youth, victim's and survivors of abuse and sexual assault, and the mental health and well-being of the 2SLGBTQ community. Lenny was selected to be a recipient of the 2018 Bonnie Heavy Runner Advocacy Award at the 16th National Indian Nations Conference: "Justice for Victims of Crime."

Josh Hudson, Healing to Wellness Court Judge, Bay Mills Tribal Court

Judge Hudson (Ojibwe) is a citizen of Bay Mills Indian Community, and currently lives on the shores of Lake Superior in northern Michigan. Joshua's is currently the Assistant Health and Human Services Director for his tribe as well as the court's Healing to Wellness Court and appellate court. As if that isn't impressive enough, Joshua is also currently a Fellow of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Community Leadership Network, which is an innovative fellowship for local leaders to connect, grow and lead transformational change on behalf of children, families and communities.

Suzanne Grey, Victim Advocate, Project Manager, TIXEdu

Suzanne Gray began her work serving victims of sexual violence in 2007 at Rape Advocacy Counseling and Education Services (RACES) in Urbana, Illinois. While at RACES Suzanne provided crisis intervention, medical advocacy, legal advocacy and prevention education. Following her work at RACES, Suzanne joined the Training Institute of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA). While at ICASA, she developed and implemented training for rape crisis advocates from across the state of Illinois. She then joined the Oregon Attorney General Sexual Assault Task Force as the Criminal Justice Coordinator. While at SATF Suzanne facilitated training for local and national law enforcement agencies. Suzanne is a currently the project manager with TIX Education Specialists where she focuses on multidisciplinary, creative, responsive and victim-centered approaches to sexual assault and advocacy on college campuses.

Dawn Davis, Lead Firearms Instructor, Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

Dawn Davis is a U.S. Army Veteran and she started her law enforcement career in Oregon with the Linn County Sheriff's Office as a Civil Deputy, and soon moved on to the Albany Police Department where she retired after 25 years. Dawn was a patrol supervisor for twelve years, but in 2004 e a detective working mainly on person and major crimes. Dawn was awarded Officer of the Year by Albany Police Department in 2011, Investigator of the Year by the International Association of Arson Investigators in 2011, the Distinguished Service Award by the Oregon Police Officer's Association in 2014 for her work regarding cases of child sexual exploitation and the NRA Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor of the year for 2019. In her "retirement" Dawn is currently a Field Training Officer, a Deputy Medical Examiner, and a Child Forensic Interviewer as well as a lead firearms instructor for the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training and an instructor with the Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force.

Jocelyn Fabry, Chief Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Jocelyn Fabry serves as the Chief Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, of which she is also an enrolled member. Judge Fabry was appointed to the Tribal Court bench in 2010 after serving as the tribal prosecutor for over 9 years. Among

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her duties as Chief Judge, Judge Fabry presides over the Gwaiak Miicon healing-to-wellness court, the Domestic Violence Court, and the Family Preservation Court (family healing-to-wellness court) that she led the development of. After graduation, Judge Fabry served as a law clerk to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court, then returned home to serve as a prosecuting attorney for her Tribe. Judge Fabry serves on various committees and boards, including the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals (Vice-President), the Michigan Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum, Families Against Narcotics of Chippewa County, and the SCAO Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

Jen Obreiter

Jennifer Obreiter has been the Prosecuting Attorney for the Bay Mills Indian Community since November, 2020. Prior to her role as the Tribal Prosecutor, Mrs. Obreiter was an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Chippewa County, Michigan where she primarily handled child abuse and neglect matters, including criminal prosecutions with child victims. Jennifer was part of the team that drafted the Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Community Response Plan for Missing or Murdered Individuals, which was approved by the Bay Mills Indian Community in May 2021. Jennifer and her husband are parents to two daughters and the adoptive parents of a 4 year old son. Over the years the Obreiters have fostered 15 children.

Sandy White Hawk, Elder in Residence, ICWA Law Center

Sandra White Hawk is a Sicangu Lakota adoptee from the Rosebud Reservation. She is the founder and Director of First Nations Repatriation Institute. First Nations Repatriation Institute (FNRI) is the first organization of its kind whose goal it is to create a resource for First Nations people impacted by foster care or adoption to return home, reconnect, and reclaim their identity. Sandra also organizes Truth Healing and Reconciliation Community Forums that bring together adoptees/fostered individuals and their families and professionals with the goal to identify post adoption issues and to identify strategies that will prevent removal of First Nations children. She has also initiated an ongoing support group for adoptees and birth relatives in the Twin Cities Area. As if that isn't enough, Sandra is the Elder in Residence at the Indian Child Welfare Law Office, Minneapolis, MN and is a consultant for the Capacity Building Center for Tribes, Center for Regional and Tribal Child Welfare Studies University of Duluth, Minnesota. She is a subject in three documentaries The People's Protectors; Dawnland; and Blood Memory.

Hon. Ron Whitener, The Whitener Group

Judge Whitener is a member of the Squaxin Island Tribe. He his also is a founding member of The Whitener Group who has organized this training. He has spent his entire legal career working for an with tribes. He began as the first in-house legal counsel for his tribe where he advise Tribal Council, departments, and economic enterprises on issues related to treaty rights, tribal governance, Indian health, and economic development.

Judge Whitener joined the faculty of the University of Washington Law School where he headed the Indian Law Clinic, which became the Tribal Court Public Defense Clinic. In addition to his clinical work, the judge has served as an Associate Justice on the Northwest Indian Court of Appeals and as the Chief Judge for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Indian Reservation as well as Chief Judge for the Tulalip Tribes. Finally, for the past five year, Ron has led the first Tribal Justice Support (TJS) court assessments in Alaska and more recently, the Northwest. His team has visited and assessed more than 70 tribes in Alaska plus 12 in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, providing information and assistance on the development of effective Tribal Justice Systems grounded in the principals of self-governance. In 2011, Ron was named a Champion of Change by President Barack Obama for his work on providing public defense in tribal courts.

Heath Lowry, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence

Heath Lowry is a Staff Attorney for the Survivor Law Clinic at the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. Coming from the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, he was driven to address the disproportionate system impacts of crime on Native Communities. In 2018, he received his JD from Michigan State University College of Law, where his work focused on policy development and Indigenous law. During his time at MSU until 2019, he served as a Legislative Director in the Michigan House of Representatives. In 2019, Heath joined the newly-formed Clinic with the goal of improving the experience of survivors of crime in the justice systems. With a particular focus on marginalized communities, Heath has represented survivors to enforce their crime victims' rights, increase access to justice, and mitigate the effects of victimization.

Jennifer McKerchie, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Advocacy Resource Center

Jennifer is a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Jennifer McKerchie serves as the Grant Coordination Assistant Manager for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Advocacy Resource Center (or the ARC). The ARC is a comprehensive victim services program providing advocacy, shelter and civil legal representation for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Jennifer has been in the Victim Advocacy field since 2003 as a Victim Advocate and Direct Services Case Worker and has worked extensively with victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, Teen Dating Violence and Human Trafficking, offering advocacy services throughout the Sault Tribe's seven county service area. Jennifer works closely with the legal systems of Tribal, State and Federal courts. She is a member of the Sault Tribe Domestic Violence Court, the Chippewa County Domestic Violence Task Force, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Sexual Violence Prevention team and the Upper Peninsula Human Trafficking Task Force.