

The American Indian Law Program and Getches-Wilkinson Center
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Free, Prior and Informed Consent: Pathways for a New Millennium

University of Colorado Law School ~ November 1, 2013

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), along with treaties, instruments, and decisions of international law, recognizes that indigenous peoples have the right to give "free, prior, and informed consent" to legislation and development affecting their lands, natural resources, and other interests, and to receive remedies for losses of property taken without such consent. With approximately 150 nations, including the United States, endorsing the UNDRIP, this requirement gives rise to emerging standards, obligations, and opportunities – and creates considerable uncertainty – for governments, industries, and investors who work with indigenous peoples.

In this conference, the very first to address "FPIC" on a global and national scale, Colorado Law convenes leading experts to discuss legal standards, best practices, and new partnerships with respect to FPIC implementation in natural resource development, climate change, and cultural heritage matters. Join us for a cutting-edge, high-level discussion of interest to attorneys, indigenous nations, governmental agencies, NGO's, environmental advocates, institutional investors, and industry leaders in energy, natural resources, and others.

Highlights include an opening keynote address by U.S. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn (invited) and an evening book lecture and signing by human rights advocate and author Walter Echo-hawk.

The conference is free and open to the public. All participants must register at:

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Approved for 8 CLE credits

**Conference Location: Wittemyer Courtroom, Wolf Law Building,
2450 Kittredge Loop Road, Boulder, CO 80309**



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Unless otherwise noted, all events are in Wittemyer Courtroom.

- 8:30** **Breakfast**
- 9:00-9:10** **Welcome & Introduction by Dean Phil Weiser**
- 9:10-9:45** **Opening Keynote Address**
Kevin Washburn, Asst. Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Dept. of Interior (invited)
- 9:45-11:00** **Introduction to “Consent” in Theory and Practice**
Richard Collins (Moderator), Colorado Law
Tim Coulter, Indian Law Resource Center
Matthew Fletcher, Michigan State University Law School
Calvin Lee, Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission
Rebecca Tsosie, Arizona State University College of Law
- 11:00-11:15** **Coffee Break: Boettcher Hall**
- 11:15-12:30** **FPIC in Land & Natural Resources**
Carla Fredericks (Moderator), Colorado Law
Rebecca Adamson, First Peoples Worldwide
Dan Morrison, First Peoples Worldwide
Shelley Alpern, Clean Yield Asset Management
Danika Billie Littlechild, International Indian Treaty Council
Nicholas Cotts, Newmont Mining Corporation
- 12:45-2:00** **Luncheon & Roundtable Discussion: “Hot Topics in FPIC” (Law School Café)**
Charles Wilkinson (Moderator), Colorado Law
Suzanne Benally, Cultural Survival
Kim Gottschalk, Native American Rights Fund
Ryan Seelau, Native Nations
Jennifer Weddle, Greenberg Traurig LLP
- 2:15-3:30** **Consent & Culture: Indigenous Lands & Traditional Knowledge**
Kristen Carpenter (Moderator), Colorado Law
Susan Anthony, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
Preston Hardison, Tulalip Tribes
Angela Riley, UCLA Law School
- 3:45-5:00** **Climate Change & The Environment**
Brad Udall (Moderator), Colorado Law
Margaret Hiza Redsteer, U.S. Geological Service
Amelia Peterson, Governors' Climate & Forests Task Force
Roger Pulwarty, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- 5-6:00** **Reception: Boettcher Hall**
- 6-7:00** **Evening Lecture & Book Signing**
Walter Echo-Hawk, *In the Light of Justice: The Rise of Human Rights in Native America and the UN Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples*

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