

DATE: October 27, 2014

TO: Federal Bureau of Investigations, Bureau of Indian Affairs,
and Tribal Leaders

FROM: Monty Wilkinson, Director
Executive Office for United States Attorneys

BY: Cameron G. Chandler, Associate Director
Office of Legal Education

SUBJECT: **National Institute on the Prosecution of Domestic Violence
in Indian Country**
Columbia, South Carolina
January 6-9, 2015

ATTENTION: Training Officers

DUE DATE: **Nominations are due by November 14, 2014**

CONTACTS: **National Indian Country Training Coordinator:**
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learnDOJ SCHEDULED OFFERING NUMBER: 43267

The National Indian Country Training Initiative, in partnership with AEquitas, an Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) funded Technical Assistance provider, announces the National Institute on the Prosecution of Domestic Violence in Indian Country (NIPDVIC). The training will be held January 6-9, 2015, at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Travel and lodging accommodations will be paid for by the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Education.

The Institute is a three and one-half day course designed to challenge federal, state, and tribal prosecutors and tribal attorneys to reevaluate their approach to prosecuting domestic violence. NIPDVIC explores the complex issues faced by prosecutors in balancing offender accountability and the impact of criminal prosecution on victims. In addition to practical case evaluation and trial advocacy skills, the curriculum addresses the development and improvement of culturally sensitive victim responses by prosecutors; examines the benefits of developing a coordinated community and tribal/federal response; explains common injuries, relevant medical evidence and offers guidance on the use of medical experts; provides guidance in evidence-based prosecution methods; explores ethical issues confronted by prosecutors; and offers prosecutors the ability to redefine outcomes and

the very nature of justice in domestic violence cases. The Institute will also address considerations for tribes interested in prosecuting cases pursuant to Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction provided for in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA 2013).

NIPDVIC will use hypothetical case problems, role-playing exercises, small group discussions, mini-lectures, and faculty demonstrations. Participants employ hands-on case evaluation, preparation, and trial skills to understand domestic violence in the many contexts in which it occurs and examine their attitudes and practices. NIPDVIC's highly interactive format enables prosecutors from different jurisdictions, with varied levels of experience, to learn from one another and engage in "real-life" activities and mock court proceedings that are readily transferable to their work.

Please complete the attached form for each of your nominees and E-Mail or FAX to the attention of Delores McCarter, Office of Legal Education, FAX number 803-705-5110. **Nominations are due by Friday, November 14, 2014.**

The NICTI and BIA will review all nominations and the NICTI will send an e-mail advising nominees of their selection on or about **November 24, 2014**. Selected nominees will also receive information on how to book travel and lodging.

In order to ensure that our records are correct, please **type** in the required information when completing the nomination forms. Illegible and/or incomplete forms will not be considered.

Due to the increasing number of last minute cancellations, we must ask that only nominations for those who are certain to attend be submitted.

The Executive Office for United States Attorneys will provide reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities. Requests should be made to Delores McCarter as early as possible, preferably at least two weeks in advance of the seminar. No nominee will be excluded from a course on the basis of a disability-related accommodations request.

This training is authorized under the Government Employees Training Act.

Any questions regarding this training seminar should be directed to Delores McCarter at (803) 705-5123.

**National Institute on the Prosecution of
Domestic Violence in Indian Country
January 6-9, 2015
#43267**

NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE AND SUBMIT THIS NOMINATION FORM BY **NOVEMBER 14, 2014**,
VIA EMAIL AT: delores.mccarter@usdoj.gov OR VIA FAX: (803) 705-5110

***Order of Preference:**

_____ of _____

Please type your information below:

Name of Nominee (Last, First, MI):	
Nominee's Job Title:	
Name of Tribe and/or Agency:	
Office Mailing Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Office Telephone Number:	
Secondary Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Supervisor's Name and Number:	

**If multiple applicants are from the same agency, please have the Training Officer or Supervisor rank applicants in order of preference.*

1. Are you currently employed as an AUSA, tribal prosecutor or tribal attorney?
 - Yes
 - No

2. Are you currently assigned domestic violence cases?
 - Yes
 - No

3. How many years of experience do you have prosecuting domestic violence cases?
 - Less than 1 year
 - 1 to 5 years
 - 5 to 10 years
 - More than 10 years