

**Law and Order Committee
of the 25th Navajo Nation Council
Leadership Meeting (In-Person)**

**May 31 – June 02, 2023
8:00 A.M. (TANCR Time)**

AGENDA

PRESIDING: Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairperson
Hon. Cherilyn Yazzie, Vice-Chairperson

LOCATION: Twin Arrows Navajo Casino & Resort, Twin Arrows, Arizona

1. Welcome, Invocation, and Introduction

2. Purpose of Leadership Meeting: To provide an overview of criminal law on the Navajo Nation and resources available.

3. Presentation and Discussions: May 31, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Fundamental Law: What is it and why is it important to criminal law.

Presenter: Judge Victor Clyde, Navajo Nation Judicial Branch

*** 30 minute LUNCH (to be provided)*

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. The Criminal Process on Navajo: From arrest, jail, court, to probation and parole.

*Presenter: Vernon Jackson, Chief Prosecutor, Navajo Nation
Prosecutor's Office and Division of Public Safety Staff*

1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Major Crimes Act and Supreme Court Cases that affect jurisdiction

Presenter: Navajo Nation Department of Justice and Criminal Investigations

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Federal Declination of Cases:

*Presenter: Vernon Jackson, Chief Prosecutor, Navajo Nation Prosecutor's Office and
Division of Public Safety Staff*

Presentation and Discussions: June 01, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Navajo Case File: *U.S. v. Vaughn James et. al.*

Presenter: Gwen Adakai, Victim's Advocate, U.S. Attorney General's Office

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. What is TLOA (Tribal Law and Order Act)?

Presenter: Kiyoko Patterson, Assistant U.S. Attorney; Tracy Buskirk, U.S. Attorney General's Office.

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. What is VAWA (Violence Against Women Act)? History and the new updated reauthorization of VAWA.

*Presenter: Tiffany Jiron (Isleta Pueblo), Policy & Advocacy Director
Ryder Jiron, CSVANW Communications & Policy Coordinator
Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women*

***30 minute LUNCH (to be provided)*

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. What is NCIC (National Crime Information Center)?

Presenter:

3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. What is NamUs (National Missing and Unidentified Persons Systems)?

Presenter:

Presentation and Discussions: June 02, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Title 17 Criminal Code and Amendments being proposed

Presenter: Vernon Jackson, Chief Prosecutor, Navajo Nation Prosecutor's Office and Division of Public Safety Staff

5. Close of Leadership Meeting; Announcements; Adjournment.