

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL, J.D., *cum laude*, 1995

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, B.A., Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences, 1990

WINNEBAGO CONFLICT RESOLUTION CENTER, Mediation Training, 40 hours, 2008

UW CONTINUING STUDIES, Divorce Mediation Units 1 & 2, 25 hours, 2010

Employment Experience

Stenzel Law Office, LLC, Owner, Shorewood, WI, 2005-2012

Mediation practice focuses on family law mediation.

Law practice includes representation of Indian tribes and individuals in state and tribal courts. Subject matter includes tribal court development, tribal-state relations, Indian Child Welfare Act cases, gaming, training, and family law.

von Briesen & Roper, Associate, S.C., Milwaukee, WI, 2003-2005

Practice included representing Indian tribes on a variety of matters including tribal court development, real estate development, land issues, and civil rights matters.

Stockbridge-Munsee Community Indian Tribe, In-house counsel, Bowler, WI, 1995-2003

Represented tribe in a wide variety of issues including negotiating gaming compact, negotiating with state, local and federal governments, employment defense, contract review and negotiations, gaming compliance. Also served as Tribal Prosecutor.

Articles and Essays

“Tips for New Mediators”, February 19, 2012, mediate.com, located at:
<http://www.mediate.com/articles/StenzelP1.cfm>

“The Wisconsin Way Forward with Comity: A Legal Term for Respect,” 2011 Fall Symposium Edition, *University of Tulsa Law Review*, (publication pending).

“Allocating Jurisdiction to the Third Sovereign: Transfer of Post-Judgment Child Support, Custody and Visitation Cases to Wisconsin Indian Tribal Courts,” with Connie Chesnik, *Wisconsin Journal of Family Law*, Vol. 30, p. 32 (2010).

“Full Faith and Credit and Cooperation Between State and Tribal Courts: Catching Up to the Law,” *Journal of Court Innovation*, Vol. 2, Number 2 (Fall 2009).

“Safe Haven Laws and the Indian Child Welfare Act: Conflicting Laws and Policy Goals Leave Indian Children at Risk,” *29 Children’s Legal Rights Journal*, No. 3, 1 (Fall 2009).

“We Live in ‘Ancient’ Times,” *Indian Country Today*, June 17, 2005.

“Rendering the NLRB Unnecessary,” *Indian Country Today*, July 23, 2004.

“Law Helps Cooperation Between Tribal, State Courts,” *Wisconsin Law Journal*, June 9, 2004.

“Tribal Leaders Must Not Shrink From Talking Sovereignty,” *Indian Country Today*, November 21, 2003.

Recent Presentations (Since 2005)

Presenter, Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court Law Day, “Case Law Update,” “Representing a Client with Diminished Capacity,” Crandon, WI, September 15, 2011.

Panelist, “Recognizing the Third Sovereign: Transfer of Family Law Cases from State to Tribal Court,” State Bar of Wisconsin 24th Annual Family Law Workshop, Door County, WI, August 7, 2010.

Speaker, “The Indian Child Welfare Act and Safe Haven: *Holyfield* Revisited?” 24th Annual Coming Together of the Peoples Conference, University of Wisconsin Indigenous Law Students Association, Madison, WI, March 19, 2010.

Presenter, “Overview of *Plains Commerce Bank v. Long Family Land and Cattle Company*,” “Understanding Discretionary Transfers Under Wis. Stat. § 801.54” and “Review of Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court Bar Exam,” Forest County Potawatomi Law Day CLE, three CLE credits, Crandon, WI, October 1, 2009.

Presenter, “IV-D Impact on Tribal Court Clerks,”

“Legal Writing for Case Workers,”

“IV-D Law and Regulations,”

9th Annual National Tribal Child Support Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI, July 13-15, 2009

Presenter, “Challenges,” Walking On Common Ground II, sponsored by the National Judicial College, Palm Springs, CA, December 9, 2008.

Presenter, “Discretionary Transfer of Cases to Tribal Court,” with Attorney James Botsford, Wisconsin Civil Law Seminar, Oshkosh, WI, December 4, 2008.

Presenter, “Tribal Courts in Wisconsin for the Practitioner New to Tribal Courts,” Dane County Bar Association, Madison, WI, April 22, 2008.

Presenter, “Petition 07-11: Discretionary Transfer of Civil Cases from State to Tribal Courts,” 22nd Annual Coming Together of the Peoples Conference, Madison, WI, March 1, 2008.

“The Indian Child Welfare Act: Have Child Welfare Issues Improved in Indian Country?” 19th Annual Multi-Jurisdictional Conference, Oneida, WI, November 8, 2007.

“Being a GAL in Tribal Court,” North American Indian Legal Services Conference, Tucson, AZ, November 6, 2007.

“Understanding the Indian Child Welfare Act: History and Application,” with Attorney Kris Goodwill, Training for Milwaukee County Judges, Milwaukee, WI, June 15, 2007.

“Understanding Child Support Jurisdiction,” Wisconsin Tribal Judges Association CLE Presentation, Crandon, WI, July 6, 2006.

“MOUs and MOAs: A Cooperative Approach to Law Enforcement on the Reservation,” 17th Annual Multi-Jurisdictional Law Enforcement Conference, Oneida, WI, November 3, 2005.

“Enhancing Tribal - State Relations: The Tribal Experience in Wisconsin,” 26th Annual National American Indian Court Judges Association Conference, Oneida, WI, October 27, 2005

“Furthering Relations Between Tribal and State Courts in Wisconsin - Civil Jurisdiction Under Public Law 280,” National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference, State Bar of Wisconsin, Joint CLE, Oneida, WI, June 15, 2005.

Significant Recent Professional Activities

Co-taught 80-hour class for tribal court lay advocates. March 5 – April 23, 2010.

Volunteer, Racine Neighborhood Watch Mediation Program, Mediate small claims cases in Racine County Circuit Court, 2008 – 2010.

Member

State Bar of Wisconsin
American Bar Association
Wisconsin Association of Mediators
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Bar Admissions

Wisconsin (1995); Illinois (1995) Eastern District of Wisconsin; Western District of Wisconsin; Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court; Menominee Tribal Court; Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Court; Lac du Flambeau Tribal Court.

References

James Botsford, Director, Indian Law Unit, Wisconsin Judicare, Wausau, Wisconsin.

Brian Pierson, Partner, Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sharon Greene-Gretzinger, Attorney, Greene-Gretzinger Law Office, Shawano, Wisconsin.

Hon. Eugene L. White-Fish, Chief Judge, Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court, Crandon, Wisconsin.

Hon. Winnifred Thomas, Chief Judicial Officer, Oneida Tribal Judicial System, Oneida, Wisconsin.

Hon. Robert Miller, Jr., Chief Judge, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Court, Bowler, Wisconsin.

Personal

Born: Creve Coeur, MO, 1968. Wife: Christina Plum (married 1999). Children: Emma (b. 2002).

Board Member, Illinois Vipassana Meditation Center, Rockford, IL, September, 2009 to present.