

QUOTES & CREDITS

“Take from the earth with a please give, back to the earth with a thank you.”

“We should keep the old ways here because of our children and our children’s children and generations to come after us.”

Dr Julia Parker

“there is no resource that is more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Indian tribes than their children.”

Brackeen v. Haaland, 994 F.3d 249, 270 (5th Cir. 2021), cert. granted sub nom. *Nation v. Brackeen*, 142 S. Ct. 1204 (2022), and cert. granted, 142 S. Ct. 1205 (2022), and cert. granted sub nom. *Texas v. Haaland*, 142 S. Ct. 1205 (2022), and cert. granted, 142 S. Ct. 1205 (2022).

“America is unique among the nations of the world because we were not built around any particular tribe, religion, or ethnicity — instead, we were built around an idea: that all people are created equally and deserve to be treated equally throughout their lives.”

President Biden’s Proclamation on Law Day, U.S.A., 2022

CREDITS TO:

Attorney **Carol Moses** and her assistant **Lisa Ingram** without whose tireless work and dedication this event would not be possible. Carol embodies the spirit behind YLD. Park Ranger **Scott Gediman**, National Park Service, who secured our venue, drafted countless work orders and coordinated all details to ensure this event was a success. **Daniel Spohr-Grimes**, Program Administrator for the U.S. Courts Eastern District of California, who was integral in promoting and communicating the event. **Anastasia Kuchta**, www.anastasiakuchta.com, for her creativity and graphic design of our logo, materials and programs.

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**Toward a More Perfect Union:
The Constitution in Times of Change
as applied to American Indian Tribes**



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WHAT IS LAW DAY

According to the U.S. Library of Congress, American Bar Association President Charles S. Rhyne in 1957 is credited with envisioning “a special day for celebrating our legal system.” President Dwight D. Eisenhower recognized Law Day by proclamation in 1958, and federal law requests each president to make an annual Law Day proclamation. “Law Day, U.S.A.,” is an officially celebrated and federally recognized holiday in the U.S. Affirmed in the U.S. Code on April 7, 1961, it is commemorated annually on May 1 as an opportunity to host or participate in discussion about law and its role in society.

In recognition of Law Day, the American flag is displayed on all government building and Americans are invited to have “appropriate ceremonies.” The American Bar Association creates a new theme each year for us to reflect on our country’s laws and legal system. This year’s Law Day theme is: “Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change.” Law Day has officially been celebrated for 62 years in the U.S.

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of Yosemite Law Day (YLD). YLD was first envisioned by former Yosemite U.S. Magistrate Judge Michael Seng. The first YLD featured U.S. District Judge Morrison England bravely fielding endless questions about the law and what it means to be a judge from eight grade students from two area schools. Ten years later, we continue Judge Seng’s legacy and are joined by eighth grade classes from Coarsegold, El Portal, Florin, Greeley Hill, Lake Don Pedro, Mariposa, Oak Creek, Rivergold, Woodland and Yosemite National Park. The students were invited to address the 2022 Law Day theme as applied to American Indian Tribes and express the theme through various mediums, including essays, poetry, artwork, and/or electronic medium; and today we will recognize the top students for their work. We are fortunate to cultivate a deeper understanding of the theme from our esteemed keynote speakers as we celebrate YLD 2022 together.

Welcome students, teachers, judges, tribal leaders and members, lawyers, and federal, state and county officials and dignitaries. May “we the people” work together to make a “more perfect Union” for our future generations.

EVENT TIMELINE

Procession & Seating of Judiciary Attendees

American Indian Blessing

Dr. Julia Parker, Lucy Parker, Ursula Jones, Lonnie Kauk and Naomi Jones
Yosemite Miwok Awanchee/Mono Lake Pauite-Kashaya Pomo/Coast Miwok

Presentation of Colors

Yosemite National Park Rangers
National Park Service

The National Anthem

Clovis West Jazz Ensemble

Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Cathy DeCecco’s Kindergarten & First Grade Classes
Yosemite National Park Valley School

Welcome & Introduction of Speakers

U.S. Magistrate Judge Barch-Kuchta
U.S. District Court – Eastern District of California

Guest Speaker

Yosemite Superintendent Cicely Muldoon
National Park Service

Keynote Speaker

Dean Kevin Washburn
The University of Iowa College of Law
Senior Counselor Danna R. Jackson
U.S. Department of the Interior

Recognition of Schools and Achievements

Closing Remarks & Appreciation

American Indian Song

BIOGRAPHIES

Kevin Washburn is the Dean at the University of Iowa College of Law and professor of constitutional law, criminal law, gaming and gambling law and American Indian law. Dean Washburn previously served the Obama Administration as the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior. The Assistant Secretary serves as the highest-ranking advisor on Indian affairs to the President of the U.S. and the Secretary of the Interior, manages relations with 567 tribal nations and frequently testifies before Congress. Dean Washburn previously held the position of Dean and Professor of Law at the University of New Mexico School of Law. Prior to dedicating himself to academia, he served as a trial counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice and General Counsel of the National Indian Gaming Commission. He received his Juris Doctorate from Yale Law School and is a member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Danna Jackson serves the Biden administration as Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, U.S. Department of Interior. She has spent her entire legal career in the area of Natural Resources and Indian Law. Before returning to Washington D.C., Danna was Chief Legal Counsel to the State of Montana’s Department of Natural Resources and Conservation – the agency that manages Montana’s trust lands, waters, state forests and conservation initiatives. She has spent the majority of her career in the public sector including as the Tribal Liaison and AUSA in the Indian Crimes Unit and a Legislative Assistant to the U.S. Senate working on the Indian Affairs and Judiciary Committees. Danna received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Montana School of Law and grew up on a cattle ranch on the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation in beautiful Western Montana.