

## Federal Advisory Committee

### National Coordination Committee on the American Indian/Alaska Native SANE-SART Initiative

#### Member Biographies



**PEGGY L. BIRD** is from Kewa (formerly Santo Domingo) Pueblo and is the Chief Judge of the Laguna Pueblo Court at the Pueblo of Laguna. She has been a member of the State Bar of New Mexico since 1990. She served as a pro tem judge for the Isleta Tribal Court prior to becoming the Chief Judge at Laguna Pueblo in July 2008. She is a member of the board of the National American Indian Court Judges Association and was appointed by the New Mexico Supreme Court to serve as a member of the New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium.

Ms. Bird is a graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law, class of 1990, and worked for DNA-People's Legal Services in Shiprock, New Mexico, from 1990 to 1999. She is a founding member and current board member of the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women. She is a board member for Tewa Women United, Inc. She has been involved as a trainer/facilitator and human rights activist in the work to end violence against indigenous women nationally and internationally.



**HALLIE BONGAR WHITE** is an attorney and the Executive Director of the Southwest Center for Law and Policy (SWCLAP), a nonprofit organization that serves as a legal technical assistance and training provider for the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women for Tribal grantees. She trains nationally on legal and policy issues related to sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, abuse of persons with disabilities, firearms violence, and abuse of elders in Indian Country. SWCLAP is the parent organization of the National Tribal Trial College, the National Indian Country Clearinghouse on Sexual Assault, and SAFESTAR (Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations, Services, Training, Access, and Resources).

Ms. White is the former director of the University of Arizona College of Law's Indian Nations Domestic Violence Law Program and is a graduate of the Native American Studies Department of the University of California at Berkeley. Ms. White attended the Masters Degree Program in American Indian Studies and the College of Law at the University of Arizona. Her numerous publications include the *National Tribal Law Enforcement Sexual Assault Model Protocol*, the *National Tribal Prosecutors Sexual Assault Model Protocol*, *Sex Offender Registration and Notification in Indian Country*, *Creative Civil Remedies for Non-Indian Offenders*, and *Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations, Services, Training, Access, and Resources*. She is the mother of five and the grandmother of three enrolled members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Ms. White and her family reside in Tucson, Arizona.

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**SARAH COLLINS** is an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of South Dakota. She has worked in that capacity since October 2010, and prosecutes violent crimes occurring on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. As an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, she takes great pride in protecting crime victims on Pine Ridge. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. Collins was a prosecutor for 9 years with the Adams County District Attorney's Office in Colorado. She started as a Deputy District Attorney prosecuting misdemeanor and traffic offenses, was a Senior Trial Deputy prosecuting major felonies, and finally a Chief Trial Deputy supervising trial attorneys.

Sarah Collins grew up in Rapid City, South Dakota. She completed her undergraduate studies at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, and received her law degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She has two daughters, ages 4 and 6. She has participated in rodeos most of her life and continues to barrel race when time permits. She is extremely pleased that her daughters developed her same love of horses and she enjoys watching them compete in horse shows and rodeos.



**DARREN A. CRUZAN**, an enrolled member of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma, was appointed Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS) on September 27, 2010. Director Cruzan brings a wide range of experience to OJS, beginning as a patrolman in 1992 with the Joplin Police Department in Joplin, Missouri. He served as a tribal police officer with the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma until 1995 when he was hired by BIA and assigned to the District II OJS Office in the Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

In 1998, he was promoted to the rank of Supervisory Police Officer and assigned to the United States Indian Police Academy (IPA), located at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center

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in Artesia, New Mexico. There he provided law enforcement training to newly hired police, detention, and telecommunications officers working in Indian Country.

In 2001, Mr. Cruzan was promoted to Criminal Investigator and assigned to BIA's Field Office in Portland, Oregon, where he performed federal criminal investigations and provided technical law enforcement assistance to the Indian tribes located in the Pacific Northwest region of the United States.

His next promotion was to the Supervisory Special Agent at the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana. It was at this time that his department was honored by the Secretary of the Interior with the "Customer Service Excellence Award" (2004). The award details the recipient as "a hero of citizen centered service, a champion of government excellence, and an ambassador of creative partnerships." The police department was pivotal in reducing the number of driving under the influence-related fatalities on the Crow Indian Reservation.

In 2004, Mr. Cruzan was asked to serve as the Senior Law Enforcement Advisor to BIA's Associate Director of Operations in Washington, D.C. He also served as the Indian Country Law Enforcement liaison to the Department of the Interior.

In 2006, Mr. Cruzan joined the Pentagon Force Protection Agency as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Criminal Investigative and Protective Directorate. While there, he supervised the day-to-day operations of the agency's Criminal Investigations Division and also served as a detail leader on dignitary protection missions for senior level Department of Defense officials, both within the continental United States, and overseas.

Mr. Cruzan is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy, Class 224 (2006). He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice administration from Mountain State University. He, his wife, and their two daughters live in the Washington, D.C. area.



**KIM DAY**, the SAFE Technical Assistance (SAFEta) Coordinator for the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN), disseminates the National Protocol for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations, maintains the [www.safeta.org](http://www.safeta.org) Web site—which is a practice-based resource about the National Protocol—and provides technical assistance to those who work with sexual assault victims. In collaboration with SAFEta project partners, she developed a 2-day regional training for community teams that create or enhance sexual assault protocols. Ms. Day regularly presents nationally on a variety of forensic examination-related topics, including the National Protocol and Training Standards, the medical forensic examination, and community sexual assault protocol development.

Possessing more than 30 years of experience as an emergency/critical care nurse, Kim Day became a forensic nurse examiner in 1998, first serving as a facility coordinator and as the countywide Sexual Assault Response Team facilitator. Dual board certified as a Sexual Assault

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Nurse Examiner–Adult/Adolescent and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner–Pediatric, she continues to work as a forensic nurse examiner with her local program.

Her work on a national level includes the U.S. Department of Justice National Prison Rape Elimination Commission evidence collection group, the U.S. Attorney General’s Violence Against Women Federal and Tribal Prosecution Task Force, the Southwest Center for Law and Policy’s SAFESTAR Project, OVC’s Vision 21 project, OVW’s Eliminating the Rape Kit Backlog: A Roundtable To Explore a Victim-Centered Approach, and NIJ-OVW’s Sexual Violence Research Roundtable focusing on the criminal justice response. In addition, Ms. Day reviewed state-specific protocols and participated in national projects creating guidelines and customized protocols for prisons, jails, community corrections, and tribal communities. She was a contributing author for the most recent edition of the *Atlas of Sexual Violence*; contributed to the *SANE/SAFE Forensic Learning Series: Entry Level Adolescent and Adult Sexual Assault Assessment, Intermediate Level and Advanced Level*; published in *Sexual Assault Report*; and was featured in publications including the Emergency Nurses Association’s *ENA Connection and Nursing Spectrum*.



**SARAH DEER**’s scholarship focuses on the intersection of tribal law and victims’ rights. She is a committed activist in the movement to end violence against Native women. In 2009, she was hired as an Assistant Professor at William Mitchell College of Law, becoming the eighth woman tenure-track law professor in the United States who is also a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe. She is an online instructor of Tribal Legal Studies at UCLA Extension and a former lecturer at UCLA’s Law School. From 1999 to 2002, she worked in the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, where she received the Assistant Attorney General

Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Office of Justice Programs. Her work with the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, a Native-owned and operated nonprofit organization that began in 2002, focused on strengthening tribal responses to violent crime.

Professor Deer first started working to address violence against women when she was an undergraduate in 1993. She volunteered as a rape crisis advocate at Douglas County Rape-Survivor Service, Inc., while working toward her Bachelor of Arts degree in women’s studies and philosophy from the University of Kansas. She later attended law school so that she could address the unique social and legal issues facing Native rape survivors, and received her J.D. with a Tribal Lawyer Certificate from the University of Kansas School of Law.

Professor Deer has served on advisory boards for numerous anti-violence organizations and projects, including the American Bar Association’s Commission on Domestic Violence and the National Alliance To End Sexual Violence. From 2005 to 2007, she assisted Amnesty International USA in developing research strategies and outreach for the *Maze of Injustice* report. In addition to authoring several articles on the issues facing Native women in the United States, Professor Deer is a co-author of two textbooks on tribal law: *Introduction to Tribal Legal Studies* and *Tribal Criminal Law and Procedure*, as well as a co-editor of *Sharing Our Stories of Survival: Native Women Surviving Violence*. She is the recipient of the 2010 Sheila Wellstone

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Award and was named one of 12 Emerging Scholars 2011 by *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education*. In April 2011, Professor Deer received the Allied Professional Award from the U.S. Department of Justice for work on crime victim issues. She testified before Congress twice regarding violence against Native women.



**BEA HANSON** is the Acting Director of the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). As Acting Director, she serves as the liaison between the Department of Justice and federal, state, tribal, and international governments on matters involving violence against women. She is responsible for developing the Department's legal and policy positions regarding the implementation of the Violence Against Women Act and overseeing an annual budget of nearly \$400 million. Prior to her appointment as Acting Director, Ms. Hanson served as OVW's Principal Deputy Director since May 2011.

Ms. Hanson previously served as Chief Program Officer for Safe Horizon, a crime victim service organization in New York City serving 350,000 victims annually, where she directed a staff of 500 in 60 locations. She joined Safe Horizon (formerly Victim Services) in 1997 as the Director of Emergency Services and went on to oversee the agency's domestic violence, homeless youth, and child abuse programs before being promoted to Chief Program Officer. Ms. Hanson earned a Ph.D. in social welfare from City University in New York, a Master of Social Work degree from Hunter College School of Social Work in New York, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.



**SUSAN V. KAROL** was selected in September 2008 as the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for the Indian Health Service (IHS). She is a member of the Tuscarora Indian Nation, located near Niagara Falls, New York. Dr. Karol previously served in the IHS from 1988 to 1990 as a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service while holding the position of Chief of Surgery and Anesthesia at the Shiprock Indian Hospital in Shiprock, New Mexico.

As the IHS CMO, Dr. Karol provides medical advice and guidance to the Office of the Director and staff on American Indian and Alaska Native health care policies and issues. She serves as the primary liaison and advocate for IHS field clinical programs and community-based health professionals. Dr. Karol also provides national and international health care leadership and representation for the agency. In addition, she ensures that patient care and medical standards and concerns are represented in the decisionmaking process of the agency.

Dr. Karol came to the IHS from the Essex Surgical Associates, PC, in Beverly, Massachusetts. She founded Essex Surgical Associates, PC, in 2004. From 1991 to 2008, Dr. Karol also served as the Medical Director of The Hunt Breast Center, Hunt Hospital, Danvers, Massachusetts, and as an active staff member of the Beverly Hospital. From 1996 to 2008, she served as Chief of Surgery at the Beverly Hospital. Her other appointments included serving as an assistant

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Professor of Surgery at Tufts Medical School; Trustee of the Northeast Health Systems, Inc., Beverly Hospital; and as Assistant Medical Director of Specialty Care of the New England Community Medical Group.

Dr. Karol graduated from Dartmouth College with an A.B. in biology and received her M.D. from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Her postdoctoral training included work as a Clinical Fellow in Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital; Chief Resident and General Surgery Residency, University of Massachusetts Medical Center Coordinated Surgical Program; General Surgery Resident, St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center; and Categorical Surgical Resident, University of Massachusetts Medical Center Coordinated Surgical Program.

Dr. Karol is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a fellow of the American College of Physician Executives. She also is a member of the American Society of Breast Surgeons, Association of American Indian Physicians, Essex Surgical Society, and the Massachusetts Medical Society.



**DONNA LC KEELER**, Executive Director of South Dakota Urban Indian Health, is an enrolled member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Wind River Reservation, located in central Wyoming. Ms. Keeler attended the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, majoring in business. She was the first Executive Director for South Dakota Urban Indian Health between 1978 and 1981, at which time she accepted employment with the State of South Dakota Medicaid program, where she worked for 20+ years writing policy, program rules/regulations, and developing the State Medicaid Managed Care Program. Ms. Keeler returned to South Dakota Urban Indian Health as the Executive Director in 2002 and oversees the operation of three full-time primary health care clinics in the state. She served on the NCUIH (National Council of Urban Indian Health) Board of Directors as vice-president and treasurer. She also served on Governor Mickelson's Health Care Reform A-Team and Governor Round's Zaniya Health Taskforce and the Indian Health Care Sub-Committee. Ms. Keeler was a recipient of the National IHS Director's Award in 2010.



**LINDA LOGAN** (Oklahoma Choctaw) has more than 20 years of experience working with Native American communities. Her professional experiences include working as a program director for mental health children's programs, health planner, and grant writer for several urban Indian programs located in Boston, Dallas, and Cleveland. In 2005, she assumed the position of Executive Director for Native American Children's Alliance (NACA) where she works with its Board of Director's to assist tribes and urban Indian programs to establish children's advocacy centers and multidisciplinary teams (MDT). Through her present work, she is involved in developing partnerships with other national Native and non-Native organizations to promote child advocacy services and other community response to child maltreatment for Native American communities. Ms. Logan provided national trainings in the area of child advocacy

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development and MDTs for tribal leaders and professionals. She is also a trained facilitator for Darkness To Light's Stewards of Children adult-focused prevention curriculum and brought this child sexual abuse prevention training to various Native American community-based organizations and non-Native audiences, including law enforcement personnel.

Ms. Logan designed and implemented several mental health and substance abuse programs to serve Native American youth. In these previous positions she designed mental health training programs and helped design and conduct needs assessments for urban Indian populations. She participated as a field coordinator for a national multi-site research project targeting Native American youth's drug use on reservations. She helped develop training materials for domestic violence committed against Native American women.

In addition to her work in Indian Country, Ms. Logan has worked in the field of substance abuse treatment as a senior program specialist for a large nonprofit organization that provides in-patient and out-patient treatment services. In this capacity, she developed innovative treatment programs for men and women who suffer from posttraumatic stress syndrome from severe childhood physical and sexual abuse. In 2004, she received the AKOMA Women of Color Award for her contributions to women's treatment services.

Ms. Logan serves on the National Indian Child Welfare Association Board of Directors and chairs its Program Committee; the National Children's Alliance Board of Directors as an ad hoc member; and the American Indian/Alaska Native/Native Hawaiian Expert Panel Board, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. She is an advisor for the *Drums Along the Ohio* Native newspaper and serves on a task force for the development of a Native American Cultural Garden. Ms. Logan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and Masters degree in social work from Boston College.



**JUANA MAJEL DIXON** is presently the First Vice President of the National Congress of American Indians and has served her tribe as a Traditional Appointment as a Pauma Tribal Legislative Council Woman for the last 28 years.

Ms. Majel is an Adjunct Professor for the American Indian Studies Department, and has been for the past 30 years, teaching U.S. Policy and Federal Indian Law at Palomar College in San Diego County. She also serves as a visiting professor at San Diego State University and Mesa College.

Ms. Majel holds a Master of Science degree, a Master of Arts degree, and a Ph.D. in education and policy.

Ms. Majel is an Advisory Council member of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Policy Research Center while also assisting a number of American Indian community organizations throughout the country. In addition to this work, Ms. Majel serves as the co-chair of the NCAI Task Force To Stop Violence Against Native Women. The work done with a team of Native women helped the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2005 and is also responsible for the passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act. The core group is currently

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working on passage of VAWA 2011 and the SAFE Act with Senator Akaka with Tribal Provisions.

Ms. Majel serves as the Pacific representative to the Attorney General's Tribal Nations Leadership Council with the Department of Justice and serves to assist in the memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Departments of the Interior, Justice, and Health and Human Services under the Tribal Law and Order Act as the Pacific representative on the SAMHSA Tribal Advisory Board.

**SHIRLEY MOSES** is an Inupiat Eskimo, born in Nome, Alaska, and has lived in many areas of the vast state of Alaska. She and her husband raised five children. Her maternal grandmother was born in Point Hope, Alaska, and married a Boston whaler around the turn of the century. Her paternal grandfather was a gold miner who came over the Chilkoot Pass and settled in Nome. He married her grandmother who was born in Selawik, an Inupiat village east of Kotzebue, Alaska.

Ms. Moses attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks, receiving her Bachelors degree in elementary education in 1975 and a Masters degree in education in 1993. She taught for 14 years in rural Alaska, often in one-room schools where she was the teacher, mentor, chief bottle washer, and performer of other duties as assigned. Her passion for teaching stemmed from growing up in a rural village where teachers were like revolving doors. Her parents instilled the passion for learning and giving back to her people.

In 1995, her elderly mother became ill and needed extra care to enable her to remain independent in her own home. Ms. Moses and her family relocated to Fairbanks to ensure that her mother could remain independent, honoring her wishes. Ms. Moses began working full-time in the behavioral health field, working as a coordinator for SED Youth for approximately 12 years, then coordinating care for SED Young Adults in a group setting. In 2003, she became involved in advocacy for women and children, working with the Alaska Native Women's Coalition as a project coordinator for the executive director initially. During the past 12 years, she has been a project coordinator, advocate, trainer, and most recently, volunteer director for the now grassroots coalition. Ms. Moses has obtained a SART Responder Certification, participates in the local SART responder committee and the Domestic Violence Task Force, and is a DV/SA statewide trainer with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.



**KATHRYN M. TURMAN** became Program Director for the FBI's Office of Victim Assistance in Washington, D.C., in January 2002 and oversees assistance to victims of federal crimes in all FBI investigations in the United States and abroad, including services to child victims, Native American victims, victims of terrorism, and U.S. citizens who are taken hostage in foreign countries. Along with victim specialists in FBI field offices, the FBI's Victim Assistance Program includes child interview specialists, a forensic pathologist, medical social workers, operational psychologists, and rapid response teams of victim specialists who can deploy to mass casualty crimes and disasters. Ms. Turman served in the Department of Justice from 1991 until 2002, first as Director of the Missing and Exploited Children's Program, as Chief of the Victim Witness Assistance Unit in

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the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, and as Deputy Director then Director of the Office for Victims of Crime. She served on numerous national task forces and advisory boards focused on crime victims and abused children and was appointed to the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence. Awards received for her leadership on behalf of victims include the Edmund J. Randolph Award, the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, a National Intelligence Meritorious Citation from the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, a National Crime Victims' Service Award, and the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service.



**GERI WISNER-FOLEY** is a tribal prosecutor and practicing attorney with the Graham Allen & Brown law firm. Formerly the Senior Tribal Attorney with the National District Attorneys Association, she continues to train law enforcement, prosecutors, advocates, and allied professionals responding to child maltreatment and domestic violence, as well as criminal investigation and prosecution issues specific to Indian Country. A citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and a former U.S. Marine, Ms. Wisner-Foley served as Attorney General for the Kickapoo Tribe

of Oklahoma and Prosecutor for the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, the Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas, and the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. Ms. Wisner-Foley was judicially appointed in many tribal courts to represent the interests of children as a guardian ad litem. She has developed many tribal criminal codes, family codes, child support, and enforcement codes, as well as provided amending language to existing codes to include laws to protect elders. Her most recent code development and implementation involved the sex offender's registry, notification, and compliance codes.

Ms. Wisner-Foley served as the first Muscogee (Creek) Nation Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, and New York City. Her international perspective on indigenous issues provides a global context for her work with Native American people, as well as tribal, domestic, and foreign governments. She is also a requested motivational speaker who makes time to speak with youth groups and Native organizations. Keynote topics include self-empowerment, utilizing traditional strengths within the tribal judiciary, and tribal sovereignty issues.

A 2001 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and an American Indian Studies Certificate, Ms. Wisner-Foley received her Juris Doctorate and Native American Law Certificate from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 2003. She is a member of the Mvskoke Nation Honor Guard and the Women Marines Association. She currently serves as the Chief of Staff for the Native American Children's Alliance.