

**Courtroom Preparation for Qualified Expert Witness Testimony (#1022)**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2012**

**Lake of the Torches Resort: Lac du Flambeau, WI**

**Registration: 9:30 A.M.**

**Workshop: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

**Fee: \$20 for Partnership Members, \$110 for Non-Members**

**Presenters: Patina Park Zink**

**Description:**

The Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act (WICWA) was codified into in December of 2009. This law clarified the need for Qualified Expert Witness (QEW) testimony in out-of-home placement or termination of parental rights cases involving Indian children. This has resulted in a greater burden on tribes to provide such testimony in these cases. This training is intended to allow tribes to identify people who can provide QEW testimony, and provide them with information on what to expect when providing QEW testimony.

In addition, this training will allow participants to accomplish the following **learning objectives**:

- Courtroom etiquette
- Preparing to testify in court
- QEW testimony—what will they ask you?
- Courtroom players—who will be in the courtroom and why?

**Trainer Information:**

**Patina Park Zink:** Patina Park Zink is Cheyenne River Sioux, an attorney, and MCWIC Project Coordinator focusing on the state-wide implementation of the Wisconsin Indian Child Welfare Act (WICWA). Patina was placed for adoption at birth away from her Lakota tribe and now devotes her legal practice to issues surrounding Indian child welfare, spending the past 10 years working almost exclusively with the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Patina has provided direct representation of Native American families both in state and tribal courts and has taught advanced ICWA trainings, emphasizing the impact historical trauma and grief have had on families in the community. Patina also has experience teaching Federal Indian law, family law, and legal ethics and is honored to currently serve as an appellate court justice for the Prairie Island Indian Community of Minnesota and a board member for the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center. Patina is also very fond of cake.

**Who Should Attend?:** People identified by their tribe to provide Qualified Expert Witness testimony in Indian Child Welfare Act cases.

**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, September 28, 2011. Use our online registration form at [www.uwgb.edu/icwtp](http://www.uwgb.edu/icwtp) or print out the online registration form and fax it to our office at 920-465-2961.