

Hon. Vincent Knight

The Hon. Vincent Knight is currently serving his second term as District Court Judge for the Comanche Nation. Judge Knight has served as judge for many tribes including the Mescalero Apache Tribe, Jicarilla Apache Tribe and the Hualapai Nation to name a few. He also had the honor to serve as the first Tribal Law and Order Act judge for the Gila River Indian Community hearing felony cases in Indian Country. He is a former tribal prosecutor and defense counsel and has had the opportunity to sit on a variety of regional and national committees addressing issues impacting Indian Country. Judge Knight has taught at the National Judicial College since 2006 in a variety of areas for the Tribal Center. He is honored to serve for a second term representing the tribal courts on the NJC Faculty Council. Judge Knight is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and the University of New Mexico School of Law. He lives at home in Albuquerque, NM with his family and is a member of the Pueblo of Laguna and of Ponca decent.

Hon. Robert Medina

Robert Medina is a member of the Pueblo of Zia. He received his BA in criminology from the University of New Mexico, summa cum laude, and his Juris Doctor from the UNM School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in New Mexico and on the Navajo Nation. He is currently the sitting Judge for the Pueblo of Tesuque, the Pueblo of San Felipe and an Associate Justice for the Pueblo de San Ildefonso. Robert also serves as a pro-tem Judge for the Pueblo of Isleta and Santa Clara. He was the former Chief Judge for the Pueblo of Zia, the Chief Justice for the Pueblo de San Ildefonso, an Associate Judge for the Pueblo of Isleta, and a Justice on the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals; He has also served as pro-tem judge for the Pueblo of Laguna. His legal experience includes serving as an Assistant District Attorney for the 11th Judicial District, Principal attorney for the Navajo Nation Department of Justice, and general counsel for the Pueblo of Zia. He has served as the Tribal Co-Chair for the New Mexico Tribal-State Judicial Consortium, and sat on numerous boards. He has also served four terms as a tribal official for the Pueblo of Zia.