

# 27<sup>th</sup> *Annual Tax Conference Agenda*

## Monday October 20, 2025

- 1-3 pm      Conference Pre-Registration NITA
- 2-4 pm      Tax 101/Tax Commission Training
- Mary Mashunkashey Tax Commissioner Muscogee Nation/ Bruce Zimmerman Tax Administrator Confederated Tribes
- 5:30-7 pm    Board of Directors Meeting

## Day 1 – Tuesday October 21, 2025

- 7:30-8:00 am    Registration and Continental Breakfast
- Opening Prayer
- 8:00-8:30 am    Welcome and Opening Remarks - Mary Mashunkashey, Tax Commissioner Muscogee Creek Nation/NITA Chair
- 8:30-9:15 am    **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
- Speaker:        \*Rodney Butler, Chairman, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
- 9:15-10:15 am    ***General Session 1 – Treasury/IRS/TTAC***
- Moderator:     Ken Parsons, Partner, Holland & Knight, LLP/NITA Board Member
- Panelists:        \*Rodney Butler, Chairman, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
- \*Fatima Abbas, Director, Office of Tribal and Native Affairs, Department of Treasury
- \*Carmen Zucker, Director, Office of Indian Tribal Governments
- 10:15-10:30     Break

10:30-11:30 am **General Session 2– GWE and Tribal Entities Regulation Updates**

**Moderator:** Telly Meier, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP/NITA Board Member

**Panelists:** Ken Parsons, Holland & Knight, LLP/NITA Board Member

11:30-12:30 pm **General Session 3– Increasing Cannabis Tax – Creative Expansion**

**Moderator:** James Rivera, Government and Public Affairs, Cornerstone Group LLC/NITA Board Member

**Panelists:** TBA

12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch on your own

1:30 – 2:15 pm **General Session 4-- Tax Classification of Tribally-Owned Banks & CDFIs**

**Moderator:** Erick Giles, Attorney, Drummond Woodsum/NITA Board Member

**Panelists:** Christopher Stevenson, Attorney, Drummond Woodsum/NITA Board Member  
Bruce Zimmerman, Tax Administrator, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla/NITA Board Member

2:15 – 3:45 pm Break

2:45-4:00 pm **General Session 5 – Energy Credit Update**

**Moderator:** Telly Meier, Partner, Hobbs Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP/NITA Board Member

**Panelists:** Tristan Stidham, Attorney, Stidham Law Offices

4:00-5:00 pm **General Session 6 - Tribal Business Tax Credits**

**Moderator:** Mary Mushunkashey, Tax Commissioner, Muskogee Nation/NITA Chair

**Panelists:**

**Banquet and Entertainment 6-8pm**

## Day 2 – Wednesday October 22, 2025

**7:00-8:00am**    **Breakfast Provided**

**8:00` 8:30 am**    **Announcements Chairwoman Mary Mashunkashey, MCN Tax Commissioner**  
**8:30-9:00 am**

**Honored Speaker and Opening Address:**

**9:00-10:00 am**

**General Session 7 – Partner Organization Updates**

**Moderator:**    *TBA*

**Panelists:**    \*Cory Blankenship, Executive Director, NAFOA  
                      \* Kitcki Carroll, Executive Director, USET  
                      \* Larry Wright Jr., Executive Director, NCAI  
                      \* Jason Giles, Executive Director, Indian Gaming Association

**10-10:15 am** Break

**10:15-11:15 am**

**General Session 8 - Litigation Updates**

**Moderator:**    *TBA*

**Panelists:**    \* Jason Giles, Executive Director, Indian Gaming Association  
                      \* Mary Streitz, Of Counsel, Dorsey Whitney  
                      \* Jonathan Strouse, Partner, Harrison LLP

**11:15-12:15 pm**

**General Session 9 – Legislative Update**

**Moderator:**    Telly Meier, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP/NITA Board Member

**Panelists:**    \*Sam Cohen, Government Affairs and Legal Officer, Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians  
                      \*Robert Yoder, Principal, Yoder and Langford, LLP  
                      \* Scott Dacey, Principal, PACE LLP  
                      \*Xavier Barraza, Partner, Partner, Peebles Kidder/NITA Board Member

**12:15-1:30** Lunch on your own

**1:30-2:30 pm**

## **General Session 10 – Alcohol Manufacturing Taxes**

**Moderator:** Christopher Stevenson, Attorney, Drummond Woodsum/NITA Board Member

**Panelists:** Erick Giles, Attorney, Drummond Woodsum/NITA Board Member

**2:30-2:45 pm** Break

**3:00-4:00 pm**

## **General Session 11 – Tax Jurisdiction Issues: Fuel and Property Taxes**

**Moderator:** Russ Brien, Principal, Brien Law, LLC/NITA Board Member

**Panelists:** Christopher Stevenson, Attorney, Drummond Woodsum/NITA Board Member  
Bruce Zimmerman, Tax Administrator, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla/NITA Board

**4:00-5:00 pm**

## **General Session 12 – TERO Considerations**

**Moderator:** Mary Mashunkashey, Tax Commissioner, Muskogee Nation/NITA Chair

**Panelist:**

**Closing Remarks – NITA Board of Directors**

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**Adjournment**



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