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**Innovative Panels, Forum for Indian Housing Legal Issues  
During NAIHC Legal Symposium in Las Vegas**

**Washington DC–November 15, 2006**–The National American Indian Housing Council’s 2006 Legal Symposium, which offers attendees vital information about legal and policy issues, will be held in **Las Vegas, NV, Dec. 6-7, 2006** at the Treasure Island Hotel and Casino.

The annual symposium is a place for discussion and information sharing on legal, financial, and regulatory issues impacting Indian housing. This year’s symposium will feature panels on caselaw updates and mortgage lending. In addition, this year’s symposium will launch an expanded “Methamphetamine Curriculum” that includes a focus group in conjunction with a new research study to determine the impact of methamphetamine on Indian communities.

The Symposium will also feature a **Lawyers’ Luncheon**, which continues a tradition of collegial and spirited discussion among Indian housing lawyers that has been incorporated as an annual event at the Symposium. Helping to facilitate the roundtable discussion will be **Dave Heisterkamp** and **Jim Wagenlander** of the Denver-based **Wagenlander & Heisterkamp, LLC**.

**Legal Symposium Offers Crucial Discussion Opportunity**

“This Legal Symposium is the premier forum for housing authorities to participate in discussions on vital issues,” said NAIHC Chair **Marty Shuravloff**. “Additionally, our panel sessions will be delivered by experts in various fields who are dedicated to help tribes gain technical know-how.”

The **Lawyers’ Luncheon**, held at the Steakhouse at Treasure Island on Dec. 6, 2006 from 12:00-1:30 p.m., will begin with a half-hour buffet lunch and then proceed to an hour-long roundtable discussion on current legal topics of interest. To purchase a Luncheon ticket, go to [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net) or the on-site registration booth.

**Special Meeting:** There will be a Special Meeting of **NAIHC Voting Members** on Dec. 7, 2006. Only Voting Members in good standing will be eligible to vote. For more information on the meeting and proxies please contact Barnetta LaBrada, Membership Coordinator, (800) 591-4867; [blabrada@naihc.net](mailto:blabrada@naihc.net) or visit the Web at: [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net).

**Registration:** Further information and registration for the Legal Symposium is available at: [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net).

**Hotel Information:** Guest rooms at Treasure Island are sold out. The overflow hotel for the conference, the New Frontier, is offering a discount rate of \$55 per night. To make reservations, please call (800) 634-6966.

**Media:** Media are welcome to attend the Symposium. Contact: Kim Hayes, (202) 454-0931; [khayes@naihc.net](mailto:khayes@naihc.net).

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