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WASHINGTON – The Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services (OJS) will hold the last in a series of six training sessions to improve the trial advocacy skills of tribal court prosecutors, defenders and judges on January 15-17, 2013, in Albuquerque, N.M. This training session will focus on cases dealing with illegal narcotics.

The training is being conducted under the Tribal Court Trial Advocacy Training Program, a joint effort by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice that furthers the mandate of the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 (TOLA) to strengthen tribal sovereignty over criminal justice matters on federal Indian lands by sharpening the skills of those who practice within the tribal court system.

The program is the result of a collaborative effort by the OJS and DOJ's Access to Justice Initiative (AJI) to offer trial advocacy training with courses designed specifically for tribal courts and free training to the judges, public defenders and prosecutors who work in them. Training is provided in three areas – domestic abuse, illegal narcotics and sexual assault on children and adults – with faculty and instructional materials prepared by experts knowledgeable about tribal court issues. The program is unique because it also has training specifically for public defenders.

Previous sessions in this training series were held starting on July 24-26, 2012, in Duluth, Minn.; Aug. 14-16, in Ignacio, Colo.; Sept. 11-13 in Great Falls, Mont.; Oct. 23-25 in Chinle, Ariz.; and Nov. 13-15 in Seattle, Wash.

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WHO:	Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services (OJS)
WHAT:	The last in a series of six Tribal Court Trial Advocacy Training Program sessions. The topic for this last training session is on cases dealing with illegal narcotics.
WHEN:	January 15-17, 2013 (local time) Tuesday, January 15: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 16: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Thursday, January 17: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
WHERE:	Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel, 2600 Louisiana Blvd. N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87110; Phone: 505-881-0000.

CREDENTIALS: This invitation is extended to credentialed media representatives, who must display sanctioned media credentials for admittance to the event.

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