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WASHINGTON – The Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services (OJS) will hold the first of three training sessions to improve the trial advocacy skills of tribal court judges and prosecutors in dealing with driving-under-the-influence (DUI) and driving-while-intoxicated (DWI) cases. The session will be held Feb. 27 through March 1 in Albuquerque, N.M.

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. That legislation aims 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 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.

The goal of this series is to teach effective prosecution of DUI and DWI cases under tribal codes and case law. Training will be conducted with faculty and instructional materials prepared by experts knowledgeable about tribal court issues.

The remaining training sessions will be held May 1-3 in Flagstaff, Ariz., and Oct. 30-31 in Albuquerque.

2013 OJS DUI/DWI Training

WHO:	Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services
WHAT:	The first of three Tribal Court Trial Advocacy Training Program sessions dealing with DUI and DWI cases for tribal judges and prosecutors.
WHEN:	Feb. 27-March 1, 2013 (local time) Wednesday, Feb. 27: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 1: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
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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