

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

# Indigenous Human Rights in the Americas: Join the Conversation | Joel Pruett

AUGUST 5, 2025

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm ET

### Program Fee:

Free for Members | \$15 for Non-Members

### Description:

Join us for a discussion on current human rights issues facing indigenous peoples throughout the Americas, with a particular focus on indigenous land rights.

### Opening Remarks:

Professor Sophia Murashkovsky Romma, Ph.D., Esq.

### Speakers:

**Ambassador José Francisco Calí Tzay**, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, former Chair, United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations Office at Geneva, former Guatemalan Ambassador to Germany, Poland, and Ukraine, and Associate Director of the Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Human Rights Clinical Programs at the James E. Rogers College of Law at The University of Arizona

**Alvaro Baca**, expert on indigenous human rights, former Director of International Projects, Center for the Study of American Indian Law and Policy at the University of Oklahoma College of Law, and, legal advisor to an indigenous community in a lodged petition before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

**Dr. Lindsay Robertson**, Chickasaw Nation Endowed Chair in Native American Law Emeritus at the University of Oklahoma College of Law, former Senior Legal Adviser to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Justice on the Supreme Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, and Private Sector Advisor to the U.S. Delegations to the Working Groups on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

**Diego A. Tituaña**, Kichwa-Otavalo from Ecuador; elected member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for 2026-2028, former facilitator of the United Nations Resolution on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and former staff member of the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations from 2014-2019

**Moderator:**

Joel Pruett, Citizen, Cherokee Nation; Indigenous Human Rights Shadow Report Writer for the Republic of Suriname's Universal Periodic Review Cycle Ended in 2016; Member, United Nations Committee; Member, Business & Human Rights Committee; Member, Inter-American Affairs Committee; Benesch

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United Nations, Ervin Nina & Professor Sophia Murashkovsky Romma, Co-Chairs

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Business & Human Rights, Isabelle Glimcher & Isedua Oribhabor, Co-Chairs

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Inter-American Affairs, Jessenia Vazcones-Yagual, Chair

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