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# National Native American Human Resources Association

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# Tribal Human Resources Professional (THRP) Certification

July 14-17, 2025

Foxwoods Resort Casino | Mashantucket, CT

NNAHRA and Drummond Woodsum have joined forces to provide Tribal Human Resources Professional (THRP) training to HR Professionals in Indian Country. This 3-1/2 day course provides HR Professionals with the practical knowledge and skills they need to handle the unique employment challenges facing tribal governments and their enterprises.

Attendees will learn and apply employment laws, with a specific emphasis on protecting sovereignty. Topics will focus on issues HR Professionals grapple with every day, including discrimination, wage and hour issues, employee discipline, investigations, evaluations, leaves of absence, union activity, Indian Preference, and more. The course includes interactive exercises to reinforce learning and help attendees gain confidence in navigating complex employment issues. Attendees who successfully complete the final exam receive the NNAHRA Tribal Human Resources Professional Certification. Join over 1,000 of your fellow HR Professionals who already hold the THRP certification, which is widely recognized as the essential HR credential in Indian Country.

Space is limited - REGISTER EARLY!

Registration preference will be given to those employed by a Tribal entity.

**CLICK HERE** or visit **nnahra.org** to register online today!

# THRP TRAINING CURRICULUM

# Day 1 | Monday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

# Tribal Employment and Understanding the Legal Landscape

- What is an Indian tribe?
- What is a tribal enterprise?
- History of employment law
- Tribal government authority in Indian country to regulate employment relations
- Sources of laws: What laws apply and who enforces them
- Tribal sovereignty: What it means and how it applies

#### **Employment Discrimination**

- Discrimination laws: Scope and nature of laws and how they effect tribes: Title VII, ICRA, ADA, ADEA, tribal laws and policies
- How discrimination laws might apply: Hiring, promotions, transfers, evaluations, discipline, and job descriptions

# Day 3 | Wednesday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

#### **Personnel Policies**

 Why we need personnel policies, what personnel policies we need, and practical tips

#### Disciplining Employee Misconduct

 Due process, progressive discipline, investigations, and writing discipline letters

#### **Employee Evaluations**

- Establishing reasonable performance standards
- Role of job descriptions
- Notice of deficiencies
- Opportunity to improve

#### Unions and Concerted Activities

- National Labor Relations Act and unions
- Solicitation and distribution of materials
- Restrictions on social media
- What employers can and cannot do under the NLRA

# Day 2 | Tuesday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

#### **Employees on Leave**

- Employee leave laws: Scope and nature of laws and how they effect tribes: ADA, FMLA, workers' compensation, tribal laws and policies
- Who is eligible, how to analyze leave requests, and what is a reasonable accommodation

#### FLSA: Wage and Hour Issues

- Exempt and non-exempt employees
- Minimum wage
- Overtime work
- Recordkeeping requirements
- Traps for the unwary

#### **Examination of Other Laws Effecting Tribal Employment**

• OSHA, USERRA, I-9, HIPAA, and ACA

#### Indian Preference Law

- Purpose of law
- Scope of law
- Practical and procedural applications

# Day 4 | Thursday, (1/2 Day) 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

#### Role of Human Resources

- Making sure your voice is heard
- Dealing with intractable problems: Drugs and alcohol, attendance issues, and employee complaints and grievances

#### Examination for THRP Certification\*

 Multiple choice and True/False questions on all issues covered over the three-and-a-half-day training

#### \* This exam will take place online through Canvas.

This exam will take place online through Canvas. The exam will open at the conclusion of the program on Thursday, and will remain open through the weekend, and until the following Tuesday at 2:00 PM Eastern Time. You are not expected to remain onsite to complete the exam. Though, you are welcome to stay onsite take the exam if that is your preference. Note: presenters may not be available onsite after the conclusion of the program. The exam is designed to allow participants to return home after the program, and to begin and complete the exam at their convenience throughout the weekend immediately following the THRP program.

# REGISTRATION

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350 Trolley Line Boulevard Mashantucket, CT 06338

\$1,650 per person (includes daily breakfast & lunch)

# **REGISTER ONLINE NOW**

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#### Questions?

For **event and registration** inquiries, contact Adriana Grimes at <u>agrimes@dwmlaw.com</u>. For **billing** questions, contact <u>accounting@dwmlaw.com</u>.

# **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**



Please contact the resort directly using the information below to book your stay. Please note that accommodations are <u>not</u> included in the course registration price.



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350 Trolley Line Boulevard Mashantucket, CT 06338 www.foxwoods.com

#### **CLICK TO MAKE RESERVATIONS**

or call **800-369-9663** and reference "**Tribal Human Resources Professional Training**" to receive the group booking rate of \$189 per standard room/night + \$25 resort fee + applicable taxes.

**Reservations must be made by Mon., June 6, 2025** in order to receive the special group rate.

From all over Indian Country HR Professionals have chosen NNAHRA to provide the best possible opportunities for education. We believe that the THRP Certification Program provides the best opportunity to become trained in crucial topics, issues, laws and regulations unique to tribal organizations and enterprises. You will not find a stronger or more knowledgeable team of instructors. This program is by far the single most valuable training a HR professional should attend. Nothing will differentiate yourself from others in the HR field more than the THRP certification."

- Suzanne Clem, NNAHRA Secretary



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#### **About NNAHRA**

The National Native American Human Resources Association is a non-profit organization comprised of HR professionals working for, or providing professional services to tribes.

NNAHRA started out as a grass-roots effort with four tribes meeting to network and share personnel issues and challenges. Today we have more than 650 members and are still growing.

## **THRP Training Team**

NNAHRA's THRP training is provided by Drummond Woodsum attorneys and consultants in collaboration with attorney Rick McGee. Our team has frequently presented at NNAHRA conferences and for individual tribes. We advise many tribes across the country on HR, labor and employment issues.

#### **THRP Certification**

Participants will take an examination at the end of the program to test their knowledge of the materials. Participants who earn a passing grade will receive written notification that they are certified by NNAHRA as a Tribal Human Resource Professional.

## NNAHRA Membership

Participants will receive **FREE NNAHRA membership for one year** upon course completion.



## **RAVE REVIEWS**

Here's what your colleagues are saying about Drummond Woodsum's Tribal Human Resources Professional (THRP) Certification Summit!

"This was one of the best trainings I have been to in a long time."

"I came here knowing very little about the law and am walking away with a treasure trove of information."

"Being new to HR I found this course very informative and I felt it gave me the knowledge to do my job more effectively."

"Fun, interactive, great material...it exceeded my expectations!"

"We covered many aspects in the HR world. It was explained thoroughly and with understanding and dedication."

"Great experience – I can't wait to get back to work and implement my new ideas to organize our workplace!"



#### **Cancellations**

We understand that plans change. If you find you can no longer attend a program, please contact Adriana Grimes at agrimes@dwmlaw.com or 800.727.1941 Ext. 232.

Cancellations occurring 7 or more business days prior to the event will be eligible for a full refund, less a \$50.00 processing fee. View the full cancellation policy here.