



Cobell Settlement Land Buy-Back Program Speaker Bio

Gabe Galanda, Esq., Galanda Broadman

Gabe Galanda's presentation is entitled "The Perils of Indian Land Buy Back" and concentrates on the tension between individual allotment owners and the tribes who will ultimately obtain the lands those owners sell. Galanda expresses concern that individual landowners will be forced into selling lands once the tribe obtains a majority interest in an allotted parcel. He challenges the Department of the Interior for what he perceives as its failure to consider alternative solutions to the plan being put in place. He sees that plan as an effort to erase government liability for failure of its fiduciary obligations and as insufficiently transparent from an Indian perspective. Galanda also sees an inherent conflict for the Interior in working for both the individuals selling allotments and the tribes purchasing them. And though he does not like the plan, he also dislikes the fact that many tribes will be excluded from it. Read his materials to see how Galanda addresses each of these issues and why he concludes that "if \$2 billion sounds too good to be true, it probably is."



Gabe's practice focuses on complex, multi-party litigation and crisis management, and representing tribal governments and businesses. He is skilled at defending tribes and Indian-owned enterprises against legal attack by local, state, and federal government and private parties, and representing plaintiffs and defendants in catastrophic personal injury lawsuits. Gabe also assists tribes with transactions and strategy related to various economic development initiatives. Trained by the American Arbitration Association, he also arbitrates disputes between tribal and non-tribal governments and other parties, as well as mediates such disputes.

From 2000 to 2010, Gabe practiced law with a large corporate law firm, where he forged a tribal practice and was the youngest lawyer to ever be elected to the firm's membership and to serve on the firm's Board of Directors. He is a columnist for Indian Country Today Media Network, and writes frequently about tribal litigation, sovereignty, and business issues, having been published nearly 100 times in such other national periodicals as National Law Journal, Business Law Today, Gaming Law Review & Economics, and Indian Gaming magazine.

In his spare time, Gabe recently formed Huy, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing religious, cultural, and other rehabilitative opportunities for American Indian prisoners. He serves as chairman of the Huy Board of Advisors. He is a past chairman of the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation Board of Directors. Gabe is an enrolled member of the Round Valley Indian Tribes of California.