

Cobell Settlement Land Buy-Back Program Speaker Bio

Robert Alan Hershey, Conference Moderator, Professor of Practice & Director, Indigenous Peoples Law Clinic

Robert Alan Hershey has specialized in Indian affairs for four decades. He is a professor at both the law and American Indian studies faculties and director of clinical education for the Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy Program at the University of Arizona. Professor Hershey received his law degree from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1972. He then worked as staff attorney for the Fort Defiance Agency of Diné Beiiná Náhilna Be Aga'diit'ahii (DNA Legal Services).



From 1983 to 1999, he served as special litigation counsel and law enforcement legal advisor to the White Mountain Apache Tribe, and, from 1995 to 1997, as special counsel to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe. Professor Hershey also serves, now for more than 20 years, as judge pro tempore for the Tohono O'odham judiciary, and he was an associate justice for the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribal Court of Appeals. For the past twenty years he has taught Indian law at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. He also teaches a globalization and the preservation/transformation of culture course, and has written extensively on that topic.