

The California Indian Culture and Sovereignty Center Presents

The Baby **Veronica** Case:

THE **IMPACT** ON TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY, FAMILY, AND CULTURE



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Learn *the implications of the case from tribal and legal representatives.*

Witness *the impact from an adoptee's perspective.*

On Tuesday, June 25, 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a 5-4 decision in *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl*, a case that grew from a custody dispute involving a child, Veronica ("Baby Girl"), her father, Dusten Brown, and a non-Native couple who unsuccessfully petitioned to adopt her. Because Brown is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, this custody dispute implicates a federal law, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

ICWA was passed in 1978 to end unjust practices by child welfare and adoption social workers, attorneys, and courts that lead to violations of many Native parents' rights and the widespread removal and placement of American Indian children without parental consent.

Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl garnered significant concern from Indian Country, as the decision had great potential to impact not just the future of ICWA, but also Congress' power to pass laws that protect Indian tribes and people.

When: Tuesday, September 24th
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: CSUSM, McMahon House

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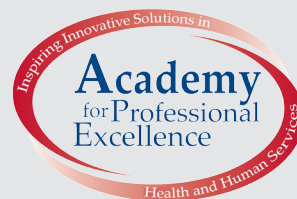
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