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INDIAN COUNTRY AND COVID-19 ABA WEBINAR
C-SPAN WASHINGTON JOURNAL APPEARANCE OF VICTORIA KITCHEYAN

The American Bar Association sponsored a two-hour webinar titled "Issues Affecting Native American Communities During the COVID-19 Crisis" on April 8, 2020. Ten persons gave presentations (in order): **Hon. Raul Grijalva**, Chair of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources; **Naomi Miguel**, a member of the Committee's professional staff; **Kevin Allis**, Chief Executive Officer, National Congress of Indians; **Stacy Bohlen**, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board; **Bryan Newland**, President, Bay Mills Indian Community; **Jerilyn Church**, Chief Executive Officer, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board; **Charles Grim DDS**, Secretary of Health, Chickasaw Nation; **Virginia Hendrick**, Chief Executive Officer, National Indian Health Board; **Elizabeth Coronado**, Staff Attorney, Health and Human Services, Lummi Indian Nation; and **Doreen McPaul**, Attorney General, Navajo Nation. Representative Grijalva gave introductory remarks. Ms. Miguel, Mr. Allis and Ms. Bohlen discussed provisions in the three COVID-19 bills passed by Congress that relate directly or indirectly to Indian country. The remaining speakers, other than Ms. Hendrick, discussed their Tribes' responses to the pandemic. Ms. Hendrick addressed its impact on urban Indians in southern California. PowerPoint presentations for five of the speakers are linked on the webinar's website.

Victoria Kitcheyan, Chair, National Indian Health Board, also appeared on the April 9, 2020 edition of C-SPAN's Washington Journal to discuss the pandemic's effect on Native American community populations. A link to her appearance is below.

PowerPoint Links: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/crsj/events_cle/program-archive/covid-native-americans/

C-SPAN Link: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?471030-5/washington-journal-victoria-kitcheyan-discusses-coronavirus-impact-native-american-communities>