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Kilpatrick Townsend's David Smith Featured Speaker at the 26th Annual Indian Land Symposium

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WASHINGTON, DC (August 11) -- Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton announced today that partner **David C. Smith** will be a featured speaker at the **26th Annual Indian Land Symposium** sponsored by the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin. The conference will be held on Monday, August 15 – Wednesday, August 17, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Mr. Smith will speak at a session entitled, "Understanding New ROW Regulations." He will join other industry leaders in discussing the topic of rights of way on Indian lands.

For more information on the 26th Annual Indian Land Symposium, please click [here](#).

Mr. Smith represents Tribes and individual Indians in matters involving trust mismanagement, treaty rights, and protection of sacred sites. He serves as Class Counsel in the representation of approximately 500,000 Native Americans in *Cobell v. Jewell*, a class action against the United States arising out of the mismanagement of the individual Indian Trust, which resulted in a \$3.4 billion settlement, the largest class action settlement against the federal government.

For the past several years, Mr. Smith has been working with tribal governments, allottee associations and government agencies in seeking to locate the approximate 500,000 trust beneficiaries identified in the Department of Interior's records as entitled to funds under that settlement. More recently, he defended the Poarch Band of Creek Indians before the Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit from efforts by Alabama to subject its tribal lands to state authority, and in July 2015, successfully obtained an order from the Federal District Court for the Southern District of Alabama enjoining a tax assessor from assessing tribal lands.

Mr. Smith is an adjunct professor at Notre Dame University School of Law in South Bend, Indiana, and Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he teaches Federal Indian Law.

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