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## The Work that we do...

**PLSI Director  
Heidi Nesbitt**

### **PLSI (Pre-Law Summer Institute) Pre-Law Summer Institute for American Indians and Alaska Natives**

PLSI is an intensive two-month program which prepares American Indian and Alaska Native individuals for the rigors of law school by essentially replicating the first semester of law school. Likened to boot camp by many former participants, the PLSI concentrates its content into eight weeks of instruction, research and study, teaching students the unique methods of law school research, analysis, and writing. The success of the PLSI in providing a nationally respected pre-law orientation can be traced to its original and continuing intent — that it be based on sound legal education principles, and not function as a philosophical, political, or cultural training ground. For more than two decades, the Law Center has remained dedicated to providing valid training in the skills required for the study of law.

#### **Who Should Attend PLSI**

Any American Indian or Alaska Native who plans to attend law school may benefit greatly from attending the Institute the summer before. Law school is unlike any other course of study at either the undergraduate or postgraduate level. The skills required to study law are both