List of Potential Qualified Expert Witnesses

The following individuals have attended training on testifying as a qualified expert witness in cases subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act. For convenience in identifying potential witnesses, the individuals are listed by tribal affiliation. However, while it may be helpful for the witness to be affiliated with the same tribe as the child(ren) involved in the case, affiliation in a tribe is not required to testify as a qualified expert witness. Instead, the court determines whether the individual is qualified depending upon their knowledge of the culture and child-rearing techniques of the child's Indian tribe.

Some of the individuals listed below have been determined by a court to be qualified to testify regarding one or more tribes other than those in which they are affiliated. Other individuals have not yet testified as a qualified expert witness.

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Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 23.81, requests for assistance in identifying qualified expert witnesses can also be sent to the Area Director for the BIA whose name and address follows:

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