Come Help Us Celebrate Native American Heritage Month!!

WHAT: Chief Judge Petoskey will give a presentation on Michigan tribal law and tribal governments. There will be time afterward to mingle or for any questions you may have.

DATE: November 20, 2013

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Davenport University W.A. Lettinga Campus - Sneden Center Rooms 2 and 3
6191 Kraft Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Michael Petoskey was appointed as the Pokagon Band’s first chief judge on February 14, 2002. Chief Judge Petoskey is a Grand Traverse Band member, a licensed Michigan attorney, and a Vietnam veteran, serving as an infantry medic. He has been a judge for various Michigan Indian tribes since 1986. Chief Judge Petoskey began his judicial career with the planning, implementation and development of Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Tribal Court, while he was a staff attorney for Michigan Indian Legal Services. He was the chief judge for his tribe for over 16 years until his retirement from the position. Chief Judge Petoskey’s career interest has been working with newly-reaffirmed tribes to plan, implement and develop their courts from just a dream. In 2006 he retired from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians following nine years of service as chief judge having founded the court there. Chief Judge Petoskey recently retired as chief justice of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Court of Appeals, a position he has held from 1999 to 2009. In addition, he served as an associate justice of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Court of Appeals from 2002 to 2006.

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