



AMERICAN INDIAN LAW SECTION

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

13 & 14 AUGUST 2026

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd,
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858
Virtual Option Available

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Hotel & Lodging Details

We are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming annual conference. To ensure your stay is comfortable and you don't miss out on our special group rate, please review the booking information below.

Event Schedule

- Thursday, August 13: Evening Cocktail Reception
- Friday, August 14: Annual Conference

Location

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Booking Your Room

We have secured a dedicated block of rooms at a discounted rate. To receive this rate, please book using one of the two methods below:

Option 1: Online Booking

1. Visit www.soaringeaglecasino.com.
2. Select the Book Now tab.
3. Change the dropdown from "Promo Code" to Group Code.
4. Enter Group Code: AAI081226

Option 2: Phone Reservations

1. Call 877-232-4532.
2. When connected with a reservations specialist, mention the American Indian Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

The special group rate is available until **Thursday, July 23, 2026**. Please book your room before this date to ensure availability.

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Annual Conference Agenda

SOARING EAGLE CASINO

(VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE TO BE OFFERED)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Welcome Reception

- Location: Ascend Lounge, Soaring Eagle Casino
- Details: Network and mingle with fellow attendees. Registration includes one complimentary drink ticket (valid for a cocktail or mocktail).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

8:45 AM – 9:30 AM | Breakfast & AILS Annual Business Meeting

- Agenda: Vote on new council members, review Bylaw amendments, and address annual business items.

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM | Welcoming Statements

9:45 AM – 10:15 AM | 2026 AILS Accomplishments & Sponsor Acknowledgements

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM | Panel: The Evolving Tribal Cannabis Landscape

- *Insights from State Regulators, Tribal Counsel, and Industry Experts*
- **Panelists:**
 - **Seth Pearman** – Partner, Peebles Bergin Schulte & Robinson, LLP
 - **Aaron Hoover** – Lead Analyst, Discipline Resolution Section, MI Cannabis Regulatory Agency
 - **Katherine Filimon** – Legal Analyst, MI Cannabis Regulatory Agency
 - **Final Panelist TBD**

11:30 AM – 11:35 AM | Short Break

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- Presenter: TBD

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM | Return to Soaring Eagle Conference Room

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM | Presentation: Section 105(I) Leases as a Tool for Tribal Sovereignty and Program Funding

- Speaker: Seth Pearman, Partner, Peebles Bergin Schulte & Robinson, LLP

3:00 PM – 3:20 PM | Tecumseh Award Presentation

- Honoree: Levi Rickert, Founder, Editor, and Publisher of Native News Online and Tribal Business News

3:20 PM – 3:30 PM | Closing Remarks & Discussion

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