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Winter Speaker Series

Ethel Branch, JD/MPP

Navajo Nation Attorney General

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5 - 6:30 P.M.

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Ethel Branch was appointed by President Nygren as the 13th Attorney General of the Navajo Nation, and formerly served as the Nation's 11th Attorney General. Ethel is Bį́į́h Bitoodnii (Deer Springs Clan) born for the Naakai (Mexican People). She was born in Tuba City (Navajo Nation) and was raised on her family's ranch 10 miles south of Leupp (Navajo Nation). Most recently Ethel Co-Founded and served as the Executive Director of Yee Ha'ólnii Doo, also known as the Navajo & Hopi Families COVID-19 Relief Fund. In March 2020 she mobilized a crowdfunding effort to bring COVID relief to Navajo and Hopi reservation-based families. The effort became a top 5 GoFundMe campaign. Her team provided COVID relief to almost half a million Navajo and Hopi people and opened community centers in Monument Valley (Navajo Nation), Sheep Springs (Navajo Nation), and Standing Rock (Navajo Nation) focused on making Navajo communities pandemic proof for the long term by rebuilding local Navajo food, social, and small business economies and ensuring language and culture transmission to the next generation. Ethel was recognized as one of the 7 unsung heroes of the pandemic by Bill Gates. As the Nation's 11th Attorney General, Ethel directly oversaw and coordinated the legal and public relations work associated with the Navajo Nation's response to the Gold King Mine Spill, Wells Fargo's unfair business practices on the Nation, President Trump's attempted revocation and replacement of the Bears Ears National Monument, and abuses by opioids manufacturers and distributors to tribal members. Ethel graduated from Harvard College in 2001, earning her A.B. cum laude in history. In 2008 she received a J.D. from Harvard Law School and an M.P.P. from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. While in graduate school, Ethel was a Zuckerman Fellow and Nationbuilding Fellow, and served as a Senior Editor and Article Editor on the Harvard Environmental Law Review.



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