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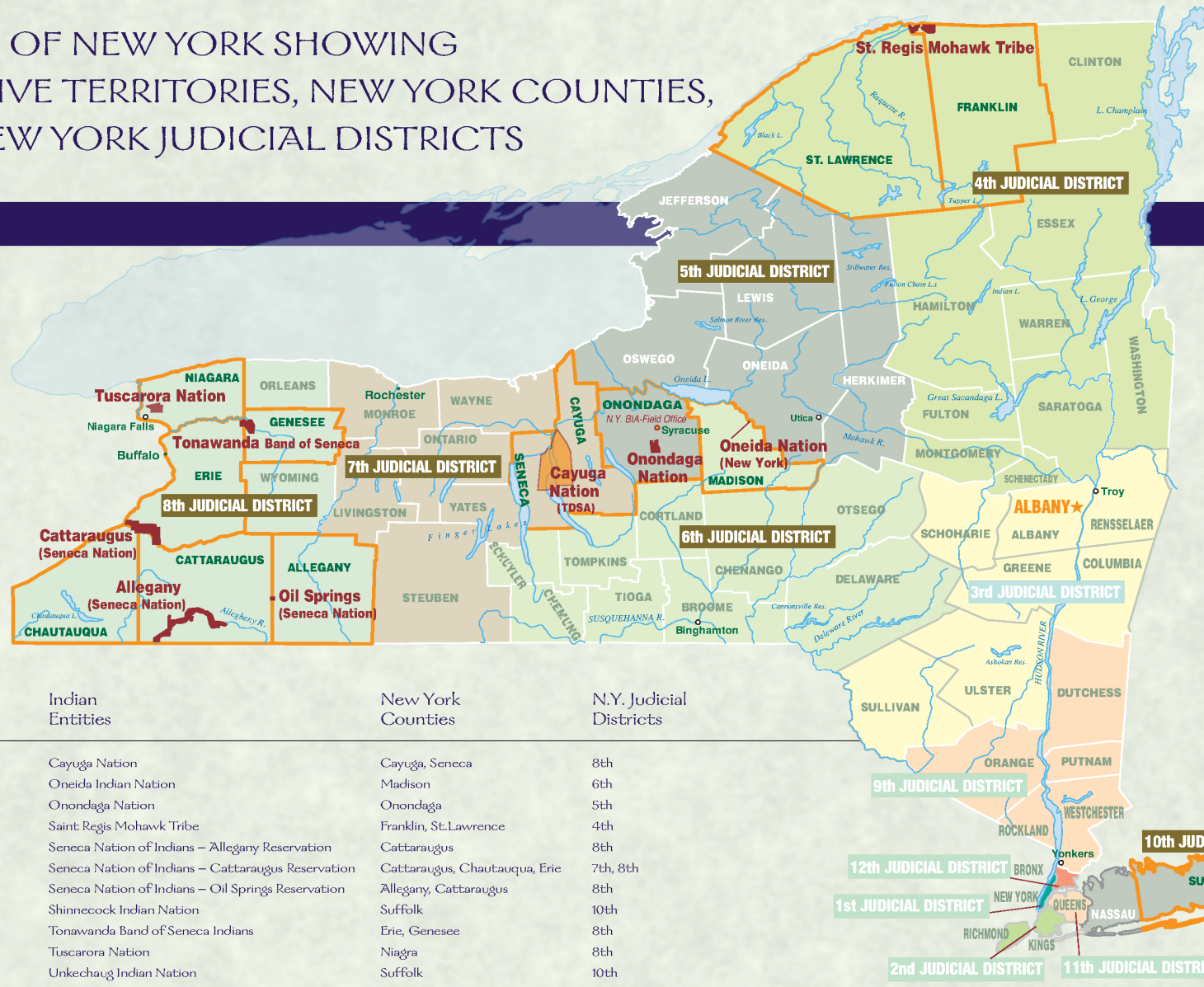
IMPROVING LIVES THROUGH JUDICIAL COLLABORATION WITH INDIGENOUS
PARTNERS:

THE NEW YORK FEDERAL-STATE-TRIBAL COURTS AND INDIAN NATIONS
JUSTICE FORUM

JUSTICE MARCY L. KAHN



MAP OF NEW YORK SHOWING NATIVE TERRITORIES, NEW YORK COUNTIES, & NEW YORK JUDICIAL DISTRICTS



Indian Entities

Cayuga Nation
 Oneida Indian Nation
 Onondaga Nation
 Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
 Seneca Nation of Indians – Allegany Reservation
 Seneca Nation of Indians – Cattaraugus Reservation
 Seneca Nation of Indians – Oil Springs Reservation
 Shinnecock Indian Nation
 Tonawanda Band of Seneca Indians
 Tuscarora Nation
 Unkechaug Indian Nation

New York Counties

Cayuga, Seneca
 Madison
 Onondaga
 Franklin, St. Lawrence
 Cattaraugus
 Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie
 Allegany, Cattaraugus
 Suffolk
 Erie, Genesee
 Niagra
 Suffolk

N.Y. Judicial Districts

8th
 6th
 5th
 4th
 8th
 7th, 8th
 8th
 10th
 8th
 8th
 10th

- **American Indian Reservations (AIRs)** are legal entities having boundaries established by treaty, statues, and/or executive or court order. They are identified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as Federal Reservations. An AIR recognized by the Federal Government may be located in more than one state.
- **Tribal Designated Statistical Area (TDSAs)** are statistical entities identified and delineated for the U.S. Census Bureau by federally recognized American Indian tribes that do not currently have a federally recognized land base (reservation or off-reservation trust land). A TDSA generally encompasses a compact and contiguous area that contains a concentration of people who identify with a federally recognized American Indian tribe and in which there is structured or organized tribal activity. A TDSA may be located in more than one state, and it may not include area within an American Indian reservation, off-reservation trust land, or state designated American Indian statistical area.
- **Counties with Indian Entities**
New York State Counties with Indian Entities are outlined in orange with the county name in dark green.
- **JD** New York State Judicial District with Indian Entities

Base map source: Bureau of Indian Affairs (Federal Reservations)

FORUM MISSION STATEMENT



- To educate and improve communications among state and tribal justice officials
- To integrate training and appropriate enforcement of child placements under the Indian Child Welfare Acts
- To reduce jurisdictional conflicts and promote inter-jurisdictional recognition of judgments

KEYS TO SUCCESS



- Promote government-to-government respect (Guswentha)
- Clarify parameters of the work
- Listen to the voices of the community
- Establish working relationships based on trust

FORUM ACHIEVEMENTS

- Comity Rule
- Healing-to-Wellness Court
- Native Bail Reform Initiative
- ICWA
- VAWA
- Marriage Officiation Legislation
- Education & Training



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