

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and
the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

Oversight Hearing on: “*Child Protection and the Justice System on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation*”
Tuesday, June 24, 2014

For Individuals:

1. Name: Molly Lynelle McDonald

2. Address: [REDACTED]

3. Email Address: [REDACTED]

4. Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations: N/A

1. Name:

2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing:

3. Business Address:

4. Business Email Address:

5. Business Phone Number:

For all Witnesses

Ms. Molly McDonald

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a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

I was raised on the Spirit Lake Reservation. I am an enrolled member of the tribe. I worked for the tribal ICWA program as a secretary from October 1992 until May 1994. I earned my associate degree in Criminal Justice at United Tribes Technical College in December 1997. I earned my bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from Minot State University in May 2000 while working at the North Dakota State Penitentiary as a correctional officer. I was hired as a U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Officer for the District of North Dakota in October 2000. I was specifically hired to work with my home reservation, Spirit Lake. A majority of my cases were crimes that occurred on the Spirit Lake Reservation. I became familiar with the justice process with cases from Spirit Lake, having to work within the pretrial phase, trial phase and conviction phase. Because of this experience, I became knowledgeable in the all aspects of the federal judicial system especially cases within Indian Country. In February 2010, I was appointed as Associate/Juvenile Judge for the Spirit Lake Tribal Court. I handled all juvenile cases which included delinquency, custody, ICWA and Spirit Lake Social Services cases. I also handled a majority of cases in adult criminal court. While working at the Spirit Lake Tribal Court, I completed a number of training courses at the National Judicial College which included Essential Skills for Tribal Court Judges and Advanced Tribal Bench Skills.

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

N/A

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

After leaving the Spirit Lake Tribal Court in March of 2012, individuals from Spirit Lake Tribe continued to keep in contact with me for assistance in their conflicts with law enforcement and tribal social services. I helped them with guidance on where to get assistance or where to begin the process. I am presently advocating for any and all that need assistance in these matters.

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of Interior that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

N/A

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

N/A

f. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against you by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

N/A

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

While I worked at the Spirit Lake Tribal Court, I witnessed on several occasions the incompetence of the BIA Law Enforcement along with the Spirit Lake Tribal Social Services. It is my understanding these issues still exist and there is no one holding these agencies accountable. The members of Spirit Lake Tribe deserve to feel as safe and secure as any other citizen within the United States. But this is not the case. One more note: all officers who consistently failed to provide documentation in court, who failed to show up for trials, who failed to complete investigations, etc. are all still working at BIA Police Department in Fort Totten, North Dakota. The current Chief of Police was and is aware of all these issues with law enforcement yet, does nothing to address them.

Witnesses Representing Organizations

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- h. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

- i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of Interior that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

- j. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

- k. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against the organization(s) you represent at the hearing by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

- l. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).