

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

### **KATHY BUSCH**

Kathy Busch is currently the ICWA Specialist for the Omaha Tribe. Prior to that, she was employed at Legal Aid of Nebraska as the Native American project supervisor and staff attorney.

### **GERALD "JERRY" DENNEY**

Jerry has worked for Santee Social Services for approximately 15 years. He is a graduate of Morningside College with a double major: Indian Studies and Criminal Justice. He is a member of the Santee Sioux Nation, married to one wife, adoptive father of three girls (ages 10, 10 and 17) and has five biological children. He is a member of the Heduska Warrior Society – Ponca Nation. Jerry is 70 years old and looking toward 70 more.

### **SHERRI EVELETH**

Sherrri Eveleth has been employed as the Indian Child Welfare Program Specialist for Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services since October 2006. She has a B.A., *summa cum laude*, in Social and Behavioral Sciences with an emphasis in multicultural studies and child development, from the University of Southern Maine in 1995, and a J.D. from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1998. From 1998 through 2006, she was employed as the Staff Attorney/Project Director for Legal Aid of Nebraska's Native American Program.

She has testified as a qualified expert witness called by tribes or at the request of tribes in four states, and she was a primary drafter of the Iowa Indian Child Welfare Act. Sherrri has been licensed to practice law in the tribal courts of the Omaha Tribe, Ponca Tribe, Santee Sioux Nation and the Winnebago Tribe as well as in the state courts of South Dakota and Nebraska.

### **HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER E. KELLY**

Judge Kelly graduated from Creighton University School of Law in 1979. He worked for the Douglas County Attorneys Office as a Juvenile Court Prosecutor from 1980 to 1985 and prosecuted felony jury matters from 1985 through 1987. He engaged in the private practice of law from 1987 to 2000. He was appointed to the bench of the Separate Juvenile Court of Douglas County, Nebraska in January, 2000. Among many other community and law-related activities, he served as an elected lawyer member of the Nebraska Commission to Select a Chief Justice from 1996 through 2000. He served the Nebraska State Bar Association as a member of its Executive Council from 1999 through 2005.

Judge Kelly is currently the President of the Omaha Chapter of the National Inns of Court and presently serves, with Judge Wadie Thomas Jr., as co-lead Judge for the Omaha Model Court in conjunction with the NCJFCJ.

### **HON. PATRICK RUNGE**

Patrick Runge is an Associate Judge for the Winnebago Tribal Court, and has practiced law in Indian Country for twelve years. He is also attorney in private practice in Omaha, focusing on family law, criminal defense, juvenile law, and estate planning.