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The *Tribal Law Journal* (TLJ) is honored to dedicate Volume 22 to **John Echohawk (Pawnee)**. Echohawk was the first graduate of the University of New Mexico's special program to train Indian lawyers and was a founding member of the American Indian Law Students Association while in law school. John Echohawk has been with the Native American Rights Fund since its inception in 1970, serving as Executive Director since 1977. The National Law Journal has recognized him as one of the 100 most influential lawyers. He has received numerous service awards and other recognition, including the 2023 Thurgood Marshall Award and the 2020 National Native American Law Students Association Lifetime Service Award, for his leadership in Indian law. Echohawk's dedication to preserving Tribal existence, protecting Tribal natural resources, promoting Native American human rights, holding governments accountable to Native Americans, and developing Indian law has made him the perfect choice for our dedication.

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Each of the following Articles demonstrates the marriage of traditional law and the modern-day legal framework of Federal Indian Law. Traditional law is not static. It is alive and changes to suit the needs of its community without forgetting its beginning. It is with this reverence that the Tribal Law Journal publishes Volume 22.

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