

Michelle Demmert, Tlingit, Eagle, *Kaax'oos.hittaaan* clan is a current elected delegate for the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, and their elected Chief Justice for their Supreme Court. She is currently the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Violence Against Women Task Force co-chair. She is the current Law and Policy Director the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center and works to improve local, state and federal laws and policies.

Judge Demmert worked in the Reservation Attorney's office for the Tulalip Tribes for nearly 10 years. While there, she was the primary author of their complete revision of the Domestic Violence code, which includes provisions for exercising Special Domestic Violence Court Jurisdiction (SDVCJ). As their primary point of contact for this process from the beginning, she represented the Tulalip Tribes on the Intertribal Work Group for SDVCJ during the pilot project phase and has presented about this process at many tribal, state, federal and university forums, including a presentation to the Department of Justice staff during Domestic Violence Awareness month in October 2015. In addition, she assisted the Tulalip Tribes in successfully becoming one of the first 10 tribes to begin the Tribal Access Program (TAP), which provided direct access to criminal databases such as NCIC for comprehensive use as a governmental agency to benefit the safety of the community.

Judge Demmert has significant tribal court experience having worked at various positions at the Northwest Intertribal Court System, including Chief Judge and Administrator. She is currently assisting tribes in SE Alaska with establishing or building their court systems. Judge Demmert is a graduate of the University of Washington for both her law degree and her BA in Psychology. Michelle actively engaged in the Alaska commercial fishing industry prior to her practice of law.