March 11, 2021

Discussion of Administrative Law and Federal Indian Law

Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Today, the modern administrative state plays a role in regulating several sectors of the economy, and administrative law has become a staple of the law school curriculum. Many trace the origins of our regulatory bureaucracy to the Interstate Commerce Commission and the New Deal. But this narrative is incomplete. Indeed, one of the nation’s earliest historical functions was to regulate trade with native nations and Indian Affairs. We were hoping to have a discussion on how these historical and current functions of the administrative state started from regulating trade with native nations and Indian Affairs, and the significant role this played in the expansion of the federal government.

Panelists:
- Dr. Stephen Rockwell, St. Joseph's College (author: Indian Affairs and the Administrative State in the Nineteenth Century)
- Dr. Cathleen Cahill, Penn State (author: Federal Fathers and Mothers: A Social History of the United States Indian Service, 1869-1932)
- Dean Kevin Washburn (Dean of University of Iowa School of Law and former Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs at U.S. Dept. of Interior)

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