**PROFESSOR BETHANY BERGER ’90 SPEAKS AT THE WLA’S SECOND ANNUAL RCW EVENT**

The Wesleyan Lawyers Association (WLA) welcomed many attorney alumni, parents, and friends to its second annual Reunion and Commencement Weekend event, including Professor Bethany Berger ’90 who spoke on "Sovereignty and Identity of Indian Tribes and Indigenous Peoples." Professor Berger is currently a Professor of Law at University of Connecticut School of Law and sits as a judge with the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals.

After briefly discussing her career path from Wesleyan, Professor Berger gave a lively presentation exploring what it means to be an Indian presently and historically in the United States. Professor Berger highlighted revealing perspectives from pop culture, including playing a video of a futuristic tribal dance from a 2003 Grammy performance by Outkast, and emphasized statements of the U.S. Supreme Court on tribal sovereignty. The WLA Steering Committee was delighted to see attendees engage in a thoughtful discussion with Professor Berger about the evolution of Indian status in the United States.

The WLA, the first professional alumni affinity group organized at Wesleyan, intends to sponsor events both at Wesleyan and regionally, and to promote networking, mentoring and community service opportunities among Wesleyan alumni and students or graduates interested in the law. The WLA is thrilled with the sustained interest from alumni, its growing list of registered members, and the upcoming launch of its website to facilitate communication among members. All Wesleyan alumni who have graduated from law school are encouraged to join via the WLA website at wla.blogs.wesleyan.edu.