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Zion was an invited expert and speaker during the Aboriginal Justice Enquiry in Manitoba. He also gave presentations at the Dakota Ojibwa Tribal Council, Tribal Courts Symposium, in Winnipeg in 1991.

Jim Zion is an American Metis whose family migrated from Canada to Montana in the mid-1800s. He has worked extensively with the Navajo Tribe. He was their chief court administrator and was general counsel for the National American Court Judges Association which includes all the tribal judges in the United States. See the article cited below for a *New Breed Magazine* interview with James Zion on the history of the Metis in Montana .

The James Zion reading list:

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Jim has also published several articles in the Native Law Centre of Canada series *Justice as Healing*:

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