

## Chapter Nine INDIANS IN THE COURTS

### U.S. Supreme Court Sovereignty Timeline

**1953** - Congress adopts its policies of termination and relocation.

**1953** - Congress passes Public Law 280, giving five states criminal and civil jurisdiction over tribes.

**1955** - *Tee-Hit-Ton v. United States* (348 U.S. 272) — Ruling denied the Tee-Hit-Ton legal status as Alaskan Natives and allowed the government to take their aboriginal land without compensation.

**1959** - *Williams v. Lee* (358 U.S. 565) — Determined state courts have no jurisdiction over a non-Indian's civil claim against an Indian for a transaction on the reservation.

**1962** - *Organized Village of Kake v. Egan* (369 U.S. 60) — Extended state law and state court jurisdiction into Indian Country, so long as such jurisdiction does not interfere with the tribal government.

#### **1968 - Indian Civil Rights Act**

**1968** - *Menominee v. United States* (390 U.S. 916) — Despite being terminated as a tribe in 1962, the Supreme Court upheld the Menominee's treaty hunting and fishing rights.

**1970** - President Richard Nixon establishes the policy of tribal self-determination and preservation.

**1973** - *McClanahan v. Arizona State Tax Commission* (411 U.S. 164) — Supreme Court ruled that Arizona could not tax the income of an Indian earned while working on the reservation.

**1973** - *Keeble v. United States* (410 U.S. 904) — Supreme Court ruled Indian defendants are entitled to be tried in the same manner as non-Indians under the Major Crimes Act.

#### **1975 - Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act**

**1976** - *Bryan v. Itasca County, Minnesota* (426 U.S. 373) — State had Public Law

280 jurisdiction, but Supreme Court ruled that such jurisdiction did not give the state legislative authority over tribes.

**1976 - *Moe v. Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes*** (425 U.S. 463) — Imposed state taxes on on-reservation cigarette sales, and required tribes to collect and remit the tax to the state.

**1977 - *Puyallup Tribe v. Washington Dept. of Game III*** (433 U.S. 165) — Ultimately gave Washington the right to regulate the Puyallup's on-reservation hunting and fishing activity.

**1978 - *Santa Clara Pueblo v. Martinez*** (436 U.S. 49) — Supreme Court held that Indian tribes, as sovereigns, are immune from suit. Also allowed anyone held in tribal court to test the legality of such detention in U.S. Court (habeas corpus).

**1978 - *Oliphant v. Suquamish*** (471 U.S. 1015) — Supreme Court gave states criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians on the reservation.

**1978 - *United States v. Wheeler*** (435 U.S. 313) — Supreme Court ruled that double jeopardy does not apply when an Indian is charged with an offense in federal court, and of a lesser, included offense in tribal court.

**1980 - *Washington v. Confederated Bands of the Colville Reservation*** (503 U.S. 997) — Imposed state sales tax on non-Indians making transactions on the reservation, and on Indians making purchases on reservations other than their own.

**1980 - *White Mountain Apache v. Bracker*** (448 U.S. 136) — States do not have jurisdiction over conduct involving only Indians on the reservation.

**1980 - *United States v. Sioux Nation of Indians*** (448 U.S. 371) — Supreme Court ruled that the federal government had unconstitutionally taken the Black Hills from the Lakota Sioux in violation of an 1868 treaty between the tribe and the government.

**1981 - *Montana v. United States*** (450 U.S. 544) — Supreme Court ruled that the Crow Tribe does not have authority to regulate the hunting and fishing of non-Indians on non-Indian-owned reservation land.

**1983 - *New Mexico v. Mescalero Apache Tribe*** (462 U.S. 324) — Federal law supercedes state law regarding Indians, unless the state's interest are sufficient to justify state authority.

**1983 - *Rice v. Rehner*** (463 U.S. 713) — Gave states the right to regulate liquor sales on the reservation.

**1983 - *Nevada v. United States*** (463 U.S. 110) — Ruled that the government's responsibility to represent tribes in lawsuits against government agencies is no greater than the government's responsibility to represent those agencies as well.

**1985 - *National Farmers Union Insurance Company v. Crow Tribe*** (471 U.S. 1301) — Non-Indian defendants in civil cases must exhaust all remedies in tribal court before seeking resolution in state court.

**1985 - *County of Oneida v. Oneida Indian Nation*** (470 U.S. 226) — Supreme Court invalidated a 1795 treaty between the Oneidas and New York State because the parties executed the agreement without federal involvement.

**1987 - *California v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians*** (480 U.S. 202) — States do not have the power to regulate gambling activity on the reservation.

**1988** - Indian Gaming Regulatory Act is passed to regulate gambling enterprises on Indian reservations.

**1988 - *Lyng v. Northwest Cemetery Protective Association*** (485 U.S. 439) — Supreme Court ruled that the Forest Service's plan to build a logging road through sacred Indian territory on the Hoopa Valley Reservation did not violate the Free Exercise Clause of the Constitution.

**1989 - *Brendale v. Yakima Indian Nation*** (492 U.S. 408) — Gave Yakima County jurisdiction over zoning regulations on certain parts of the Yakima Indian Reservation.

**1990 - *Duro v. Reina*** (495 U.S. 676) — Supreme Court nullified the tribes' criminal jurisdiction over non-member Indian activity on the reservation.

**1990 - *Employment Division v. Smith*** (494 U.S. 872) — Supreme Court ruled that the Free Exercise Clause does not protect anyone from state laws prohibiting certain activities, even if an activity plays a central role in a religion.

**1992 - *County of Yakima v. Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Indian Nation*** (502 U.S. 251) — Supreme Court ruled that the General Allotment Act allowed a county to impose property taxes on Indian fee lands.

**1997 - *Strate v. A-1*** ((520 U.S. 438) — Supreme Court held that when an accident occurs on a public highway running through Indian reservation land, the tribal court has no jurisdiction civil claims against non-members.

**1998 - *Alaska v. Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government*** (522 U.S. 520) — Held that the Venetie Reservation is not "Indian Country."

**1999 - *Minnesota v. Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians*** (526 U.S. 172) — Treaty hunting and fishing rights were not revoked unless Congress expressly says so.

**2001 - *Nevada v. Hicks*** (121 S.Ct. 2304) — Tribes do not have civil jurisdiction over the conduct of state officials operating on the reservation.

**2001 - *Atkinson Trading Company v. Shirley*** (432 U.S. 645) — The Navajo Nations cannot impose a hotel tax upon non-members on non-Indian fee land within the reservation.

## **Native American Judges (Federal and State Courts)**

### **Federal Courts**

Frank Howell Seay

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Oklahoma

Nominated by President Jimmy Carter on September, 1979.

Served as chief judge, 1980-1996.

### **State Courts**

William Thorne

Utah Court of Appeals

Appointed by Governor Mike Leavitt on May 3, 2000

## Tribal Justice Systems

### A Brief History of Tribal Courts

Native American and Alaska Native tribes have been keeping the peace and administering justice in their homelands through the use of their own ancient laws, traditions and customs.

Historically, the U.S. government has recognized the inherent sovereignty of Indian nations to “make their own laws and to be ruled by them” (*Williams v. Lee*, 358 U.S. 217, 1958.).

Traditionally, most tribes resolved disputes and addressed criminal activity by consensus, not by an adversarial system. Formal court institutions are a relatively recent development in Indian Country.

The development of tribal courts goes back to the 1880s on the Rosebud Sioux reservation in South Dakota. A Lakota tribal member, Crow Dog, killed a fellow tribal member, Spotted Tail. Utilizing traditional methods of dispute resolution, the tribe required Crow Dog to provide restitution to Spotted Tail’s family in the form of goods and provisions. Although the victim’s family was satisfied with the resolution, the federal government felt the punishment did not fit the crime. The Department of the Interior set up the “Court of Indian Offenses” to handle less serious criminal offenses and to resolve disputes between tribal members through the application of federal law and regulations—not tribal law or custom.

With the passage of the Indian Reorganization Act in 1934, tribes were encouraged by the federal government to enact their own laws and to establish their own justice systems. Many tribes, however, did not adopt their own codes at that time, but rather operated under provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Due to lack of financial resources, many smaller tribes could not afford to operate their own tribal courts and instead retained the CFR courts operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. There are approximately 23 CFR courts still in existence.

Approximately 275 Indian nations and Alaska Native villages have established formal tribal court systems. There is widespread variety in the types of forums, and the law applied in each is distinctly unique to each tribe. Some tribal courts resemble Western-style judiciaries where written laws and rules of court procedure are applied. An increasing number of tribes are returning to their traditional means of resolving disputes through the use of peacemaking, elders’ councils, and sentencing circles.

## TRIBAL COURTS

The following contact information is available on the Bureau of Indian Affairs Web site ([www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html](http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html)). Please refer to this Web site for updated information.

### **BIA Minnesota Area Office**

#### **Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians**

Bad River Reservation Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 39  
Odanah, Wisconsin, 54861  
715/682-7102 x.113  
FAX: 715/682-7158  
Chief Judge: Ervin Soulier  
Judges: Alton Smart, Joseph Corbine  
Chief Clerk: Robin Wolfe

Bad River Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 39  
Odanah, Wisconsin 54861  
Chief Appellate Judge: Ervin Soulier

#### **Forest County Potawatomi Community**

Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 340  
Crandon, Wisconsin 54520  
715/478-5850  
FAX: 715.478-5805  
Chief Judge Eugene L. Whitefish  
Clerk: Theresa Johnson

Forest County Potawatomi Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 340  
Crandon, WI 54520

#### **Bay Mills Indian Community**

Bay Mills Tribal Court  
Route 1, Box 313  
Brimley, Michigan 49715  
906/248-3241

Judge: Andrew A. LeBlanc Sr.  
Administrator/Magistrate: Armella Parker  
Clerk: Denise Parish

Bay Mills Community Appellate Court  
Route 1, Box 313  
Brimley, Michigan 49715  
Appellate Judges: Julie Timmer, Corrine A. Cameron, and Donald W. Parish

Bay Mills Conservation Court  
c/o Bay Mills Tribal Center  
Route 1, Box 313  
Brimley, Michigan 49715  
906/248-3241  
FAX: 906/248-3283  
Chief Judge: Carol Andary

Conservation Appellate Court  
Route 1, Box 313  
Brimley, Michigan 49715  
Appellate Judges: Donald W. Parish, Leola Calder, and Raymond Teeple

### **Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians**

Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Court  
2428 Shunk Road, P.O. Box 343  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783  
906/635-4963  
FAX: 906/635-4925  
Chief Judge: George Nolan  
Associate Judge Anthony Nertoli  
Assoc. Judge/Administrator: Michelle Hank  
Clerk: Hope Collia

Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Appellate Court  
2428 Shunk Road  
P.O. Box 343  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

### **Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Bois Forte Reservation**

Bois Forte Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 16

Nett Lake, Minnesota 55772  
218/757-3462  
FAX: 218/757-3211  
Judge: Margaret S. Treuer  
Magistrate/Admin: Ken Badboy

**Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Fond du Lac Reservation**

Fond du Lac Tribal Court  
105 University Road  
Cloquet, Minnesota 55720  
218/879-1494  
FAX: 218/879-4146  
Chief Judge: Dorothy Liefeste  
Judge: Kurt V. BlueDog

**Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Leech Lake Reservation**

Leech Lake Tribal Court  
Route 3, Box 100  
Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633  
218/335-8240  
FAX: 218/335-8309  
Judge: John Herrera  
Chief Clerk: Nancy Whitebird  
Leech Lake Tribal Council  
Chief Appellate Judge: John Herrera

**Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Mille Lacs Reservation**

Mille Lacs Tribal Court  
HCR 67, Box 194  
Onamia, Minnesota 56359  
612/532-4181  
FAX: 612/532-4209  
Chief Judge: Vacant  
Clerk: Matt Chapel Sr.

**Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Grand Portage Reservation**

Grand Portage Tribal Court  
Grand Portage, Minnesota 55605  
218/475-2279

FAX: 218/879-4146  
Chief Judge: Vacant  
Clerk: Vacant

**Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, White Earth Reservation**

White Earth Tribal Court  
Box 418  
White Earth, Minnesota 56591  
218/983-3285  
FAX: 218/983-3641 Judge: Vacant  
Chief Clerk: Kathy Goodwin

Minnesota Chippewa Appellate Court  
Chief Judge: Chris Anderson  
Assoc. Judges: Tammy Swanson, Patricia Keanna, Joseph Plumer, and Ruth Sam  
Clerk: Gerald Schultz

**Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians**

Grand Traverse Tribal Court  
2605 NW Bayshore Drive  
Suttons Bay, Michigan 49682  
616/271-7115  
FAX: 616/271-4972  
Chief Judge: Michael Petoskey  
Assoc. Judge: Joanne Miller  
Chief Clerk/Admin: Charles Stewart  
Clerks: Carrie Lequireaux, Charles DeVerney  
Secretary: Lani Sipple

Grand Traverse Band Appellate Court  
Chief Justice: Quinton Walker

**Hannahville Indian Community of Wisconsin Potawatomi Indians**

Hannahville Community Court  
N41911 Hannahville Rd.  
Wilson, Michigan 49896-9728  
906/466-2342  
FAX: 906/466-2418  
Judge: Douglas Gurski  
Assist. Judge: Jenny Kronk

Magistrate: Audrey Gomez  
Clerk: Sharon Wandahsega  
Probation Off: Ernest Hardwick

**Hannahville Community Appellate Court**

Chief Judge: Art LaBlanc

**Ho-Chunk Nation**

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 70  
Black River Falls, Wisconsin 54615  
715/284-2722  
FAX: 715/284-3136  
Chief Judge: Mark Butterfield  
Assoc Judge: Joan Greendeer-Lee  
Clerk: Marsella Cloud  
Assist. Clerk: Ferdie Kivimaki

Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court

Judges: Mary-Jo Brooks Hunter, Deforest Whiterabbit, and Deborah Greengrass

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of L'Anse and Ontonagon Bands of Chippewa Indians**

Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court  
795 N. Michigan Ave.  
Baraga, Michigan 49908  
906/353-8124  
FAX: 906/353-7279  
Chief Judge: Bradley Dakota  
Assoc. Judge: William Jondreau  
Chief Clerk: JoAnne M. Pennock  
Records: Stacey Kahkonen  
Probation Officer: Kristine Curtin

Appeals are heard by the Tribal Council

**Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians**

Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Court  
Route 2, Box 2700  
Hayward, Wisconsin 54843  
715/634-8934

FAX: 715/634-4797  
Judge: Ernest H. St. Germaine  
Chief Clerk: Pamela Valentine

Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board  
Route 2, Box 2700  
Hayward, Wisconsin 54843

**Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians**

Lac du Flambeau Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 67  
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538  
715/588-3303  
FAX: 715/588-7930  
Chief Judge: Ernest St. Germaine  
Assoc. Judges: Phyllis White, Betty Graveen, Alice Soulier  
Chief Clerk: Jane Beeler

Lac du Flambeau Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 67  
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54538

**Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians**

Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 249  
Watersmeet, Michigan 49969  
906/358-4577  
FAX: 906/358-4785  
Chief Judge: Franklin Hazen  
Assoc. Judge: Roxanne Bain  
Admin: Howard Caron, Jr.  
Magistrate: Ruth Antone  
Court Advocate: Milan Shegan

Lac Vieux Desert Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 249  
Watersmeet, MI 49969  
Chief Appellate Judge: Franklin Hazen

**Little Traverse Band of Odawa Indians**

Little Traverse Band Tribal Court  
1345 U.S. 31 North  
Petoskey, Michigan 4770  
616/348-3410  
FAX: 616/348-2589  
Administrator: Bruce Hinmon  
Probation Officer: Denneen Smith

**Lower Sioux Indian Community of Minnesota Mdewakanton Sioux Indians, Minnesota**

No tribal court appointed

**Menominee Indian Tribe**

Menominee Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 429  
Keshena, Wisconsin 54135  
715/799-3348  
FAX: 715/749-4061  
Judge: Sarah Skubitz  
Judge: Wendell Askinette  
Judge: Joan Delabreau  
Chief Clerk: Janet Waupoose

Menominee Tribal Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 429  
Keshena, Wisconsin 54135  
Chief Judge: Robert Kittecon

**Oneida Tribe, Wisconsin**

No tribal court appointed

**Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians**

Pokagon Band Tribal Court  
Pokagon Administrative Center  
714 North Front Street  
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047  
616/782-8998  
FAX: 616/782-6882

**Prairie Island Indian Community of Minnesota Mdewakanton Sioux**

Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Tribal Court  
5001 W. 80th Street, Suite 500  
Bloomington, Minnesota 55437  
612/385-2554  
FAX: 612/385-2548  
Chief Judge: Kurt BlueDog  
Assoc. Judges: Andrew M. Small, Terry Mason Moore, Steven F. Olson  
Clerk: Vanya S. Hogen-Kind

Prairie Island Mdewakanton Dakota Court of Appeals  
5001 W. 80th Street, Suite 500  
Bloomington, MN 55437

**Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians**

Red Cliff Chippewa Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 529  
Bayfield, Wisconsin 54814  
715/779-3725/3726  
FAX: 715/779-3714  
Chief Judge: Jean Buffalo-Reyes  
Judges: Floyd Hipsher, Harriet Balber, Robert Goslin  
Chief Clerk: Marian L. Gurnoe

Red Cliff Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 529  
Bayfield, Wisconsin 54814

**Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians**

Red Lake Nation Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 572  
Red Lake, Minnesota 56671  
218/679-3308  
FAX: 218/679-3378  
Chief Judge: Wanda Lyons  
Judge: James White

## **Sac & Fox Tribe, Iowa**

No tribal court appointed

## **Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe**

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court  
7070 East Broadway  
Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48858  
517/772-1964  
FAX: 517/772-3508  
Judge: Bruce Havens  
Magistrate: Sheridan Pelcher  
Clerks: Olivia Flores, Lynette Becker  
Probation Officers: Joe Wentworth, Emily Harris  
Victim's Advocate: Robert Pego

Saginaw Chippewa Appellate Court  
Chief Judge: Douglas B. Gurski

## **Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community**

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Court  
810 Lumber Exchange Building  
Ten South Fifth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402  
612/339-2071  
FAX: 612/349-6254  
Judges: John E. Jacobson, Henry M. Buffalo Jr., Robert A. Grey Eagle  
Clerk: Carrie Svendahl

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Appellate Court

## **St. Croix Chippewa Indians**

St. Croix Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 287  
Hertel, Wisconsin 54845  
715/349-2195  
FAX: 715/349-2975  
Chief Judge: Louis E. Bearheart  
Judge: Gloria Merrill  
Clerk: Julie Pettis

Assist. Clerk: Penny Nelson

St. Croix Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 287  
Hertel, WI 53845

**Mole Lake Band of Chippewa Indians**

No tribal court appointed

**Sokaogon Chippewa Community**

Sokaogon Tribal Court  
Route 1, Box 625  
Crandon, Wisconsin 54520  
715/478-7608  
FAX: 715/478-7618  
Chief Judge: Fred Ackley Jr.  
Judge: Debra VanZile  
Chief Clerk: Terri Fox

Sokaogon Chippewa Appellate Court  
Route 1, Box 625  
Crandon, Wisconsin 54520

**Stockbridge-Munsee Community of Mohican Indians**

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court  
N8476 Moheconnuck Rd.  
715/793-4397  
FAX: 715/793-4880  
Chief Judge: David Raasch  
Assoc. Judges: Robert Miller Jr., Kimberly Vele  
Clerk: Theresa Martin

Stockbridge-Munsee Appellate Court  
N8476 Moheconnuck Rd.  
Bowler, WI 54416

**Upper Sioux Indian Community, Minnesota**

No tribal court appointed

## **Muscogee BIA Area**

### **Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town of the Creek Nation, Oklahoma**

Served by Muscogee Nation courts and law enforcement

## **Cherokee Nation**

District Court of the Cherokee Nation

P.O. Box 948

Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465

918/458-9440

FAX: 918/458-9572

District Judge: Tina Jordan

Assoc. District Judge: Drew Wilcoxon

Court Clerk: Lisa Fields

Deputy Clerk: Gina Waits

Deputy Clerk: Sharon Wright

Cherokee Nation Judicial Appeals Tribunal

P.O. Box 948

Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465

918/458-9440

FAX: 918/458-9572

Chief Justice: Dwight W. Birdwell

Associate Justices: Ralph Keen and Phillip Viles, Jr.

Court Clerk Tribunal: Lisa Fields

Deputy Court Clerk Tribunal: Gina Waits

## **Chickasaw Nation**

Court of Indian Offenses for the Chickasaw Nation - Chickasaw Agency

P.O. Box 2240

Ada, Oklahoma 74621

405/436-5150

FAX: 405/436-4948

Magistrate: George TahBone, Jr.

Clerk: Linda Stewart

Deputy Clerk: Cynthia Ott

Court of Indian Offenses - Court of Indian Appeals

Chickasaw Agency

P. O. Box 2240

Ada, Oklahoma 74621  
405/436-5150  
FAX: 405/436-4948  
Magistrates: Phil Lujan, Rebecca Cryer, Lynn Burris  
Clerk: Linda Stewart  
Deputy Clerk: Cynthia Ott

### **Choctaw Nation**

Court of Indian Offenses for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma  
HC 64, Box 3270  
Tuskahoma, OK 74574-9758  
918/569-4465  
FAX: 918/569-4465  
Magistrate: James Wolfe  
Clerk: Donna Heflin

### **Muscogee (Creek) Nation**

Muscogee Nation District Court  
P.O. Box 652  
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447  
918/758-1400  
FAX: 918/758-1413  
District Judge: Patrick Moore  
Clerk: Nancy Jukich  
Deputy Clerk: Denise Morrow

Muscogee Nation Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 652  
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447  
Chief Justice: Ed Frye  
Justices: Amos McNac, Joe Johnson, Richard Lerblance, Roger Wiley, and Michael Flud  
Supreme Court Clerk: Nancy Jukich  
Deputy Court Clerk: Denise Morrow

### **Eastern Shawnee Tribe**

Court of Indian Offenses for the Eastern Shawnee Tribe - Miami Agency  
P.O. Box 391  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355  
918/542-6021  
FAX: 918/542-7603

Magistrate: Lynn Burris  
Clerk: Penny Sexton  
Alternate Clerk: Gail Primeaux

Court of Indian Offenses - Court of Indian Appeals

Miami Agency

P. O. Box 391

Miami, Oklahoma 74355

918/542-6021

FAX: 918/542-7603

Magistrates: George TahBone, Jr., Phil Lujan, Rebecca Cryer

Clerk: Penny Sexton

Alternate: Gail Primeaux

### **Kialegee Tribal Town of the Creek Indian Nation of Oklahoma**

Served by Muscogee Nation courts and law enforcement

### **Miami Tribe**

Court of Indian Offenses for the Miami Tribe - Miami Agency

P.O. Box 391

Miami, Oklahoma 74355

918/542-6021

FAX: 918/542-7603

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Clerk: Penny Sexton

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FAX: 918/542-7603

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Clerk: Penny Sexton

Alternate: Gail Primeaux

### **Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma**

Court of Indian Offenses for the Modoc Tribe

Miami Agency

P.O. Box 391  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355  
918/542-6021  
FAX: 918/542-7603  
Magistrate: Lynn Burris  
Clerk: Penny Sexton  
Alternate Clerk: Gail Primeaux

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FAX: 918/542-7603  
Magistrates: George TahBone, Jr., Phil Lujan, Rebecca Cryer  
Clerk: Penny Sexton  
Alternate: Gail Primeaux

### **Osage Tribe**

Court of Indian Offenses for the Osage Tribe - Osage Agency  
P. O. Box 1539  
Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056  
Magistrate: George TahBone, Jr.  
Clerk: Genevieve Satepauhoodle

Court of Indian Offenses - Court of Indian Appeals  
Osage Agency  
P. O. Box 1539  
Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056  
918/287-1032  
FAX: 918/287-4320  
Magistrates: George TahBone, Jr., Phil Lujan, Rebecca Cryer  
Clerk: Penny Sexton  
Alternate: Gail Primeaux

### **Ottawa Tribe**

Court of Indian Offenses for the Ottawa Tribe  
Miami Agency  
P.O. Box 391  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355  
918/542-6021

FAX: 918/542-7603  
Magistrate: Lynn Burris  
Clerk: Penny Sexton  
Alternate Clerk: Gail Primeaux

Court of Indian Offenses - Court of Indian Appeals  
Miami Agency  
P. O. Box 391  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355  
918/542-6021  
FAX: 918/542-7603  
Magistrates: George TahBone, Jr., Phil Lujan, Rebecca Cryer  
Clerk: Penny Sexton  
Alternate: Gail Primeaux

### **Peoria Tribe**

Court of Indian Offenses for the Peoria Tribe  
Miami Agency  
P.O. Box 391  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355  
918/542-6021  
FAX: 918/542-7603  
Magistrate: Lynn Burris  
Clerk: Penny Sexton  
Alternate Clerk: Gail Primeaux

Court of Indian Offenses - Court of Indian Appeals  
Miami Agency  
P. O. Box 391  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355  
918/542-6021  
FAX: 918/542-7603  
Magistrates: George TahBone, Jr., Phil Lujan, Rebecca Cryer  
Clerk: Penny Sexton  
Alternate: Gail Primeaux

### **Quapaw Tribe**

Court of Indian Offenses for the Quapaw Tribe  
Miami Agency  
P.O. Box 391  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355

918/542-6021  
FAX: 918/542-7603  
Magistrate: Lynn Burris  
Clerk: Penny Sexton  
Alternate Clerk: Gail Primeaux

Court of Indian Offenses - Court of Indian Appeals  
Miami Agency  
P. O. Box 391  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355  
918/542-6021  
FAX: 918/542-7603  
Magistrates: George TahBone, Jr., Phil Lujan, Rebecca Cryer  
Clerk: Penny Sexton  
Alternate: Gail Primeaux

### **Seminole Nation**

Court of Indian Offenses for the Seminole Nation  
P.O. Box 632  
Seminole, Oklahoma 74818-0632  
405/382-0085  
FAX: 405/382-0091  
Magistrate: George TahBone, Jr.  
Clerk: Loisetta Nix  
Deputy Clerk: Sue Jimboy

Court of Indian Offenses - Court of Indian Appeals  
Seminole CFR Court  
P. O. Box 632  
Seminole, Oklahoma 74818-0632  
405/382-0085  
FAX: 405/382-0091  
Magistrates: Phil Lujan, Rebecca Cryer, Lynn Burris  
Clerk: Loisetta Nix  
Deputy Clerk: Sue Jimboy

### **Seneca-Cayuga Tribe**

Court of Indian Offenses for the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe  
Miami Agency  
P.O. Box 391  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355

918/542-6021  
FAX: 918/542-7603  
Magistrate: Lynn Burris  
Alternate Clerk: Gail Primeaux

Court of Indian Offenses - Court of Indian Appeals  
Miami Agency  
P. O. Box 391  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355  
918/542-6021  
FAX: 918/542-7603  
Magistrates: George TahBone, Jr., Phil Lujan, Rebecca Cryer  
Clerk: Penny Sexton  
Alternate: Gail Primeaux

**Thlopthlocco Tribal Town of the Creek Nation**

Served by Muscogee Nation courts and law enforcement

**United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians**

No Land Base, under the jurisdiction of the Cherokee Nation

**Wyandotte Tribe**

Court of Indian Offenses for the Wyandotte Tribe  
Miami Agency  
P.O. Box 391  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355  
918/542-6021  
FAX: 918/542-7603  
Magistrate: Lynn Burris  
Clerk: Penny Sexton  
Alternate Clerk: Gail Primeaux

Court of Indian Offenses - Court of Indian Appeals  
Miami Agency  
P. O. Box 391  
Miami, Oklahoma 74355  
918/542-6021  
FAX: 918/542-7603  
Magistrates: George TahBone, Jr., Phil Lujan, Rebecca Cryer  
Clerk: Penny Sexton

Alternate Clerk: Gail Primeaux

## **BIA PHOENIX AREA**

### **Ak Chin Indian Community**

Ak Chin Indian Community Court  
47314 W. Farrell Road  
Maricopa, Arizona 85230  
602/568-9481  
FAX: 602/254-6133  
Chief Judge: Charles Chance  
Assoc. Judge: Vacant  
Clerks: Sylvia Antone, Joann Lewis

Ak Chin Indian Community Appellate Court  
47314 West Farrell Road  
Maricopa, Arizona 85230  
Clerks: Sylvia Antone, Joann Lewis

### **Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, California**

No tribal court appointed

### **Cocopah Tribe**

Cocopah Tribal Court  
P.O. Box Bin "G"  
Somerton, Arizona 85350  
Clerk: Florence Fitch

Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 4456 - Station A  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87196  
505/277-5462  
Admin.: Toby Grossman

### **Colorado River Indian Tribes**

Colorado River Tribal Court  
Box BH  
Parker, Arizona 85344  
602/669-8367

FAX: 602/669-5675

Chief Judge: Neil T. Flores

Assoc. Judge: Jacqueline Hill

Assoc. Judge: Thomas Bartlett

Clerk:

Colorado River Indian Tribal Court of Appeals

Box BH

Parker, Arizona 85344

Chief Justice William Thorne

Assoc. Justices: Abby Abinanti, Leroy Greaves

### **Duckwater Shoshone Tribe**

Court of Indian Offenses (CFR) for the Duckwater Reservation

P.O. Box 140068

Duckwater, Nevada 89314

Magistrate: Ruby Sam

Clerk: Shelly Lupe

### **Ely Shoshone Tribe**

Shoshone Tribal Court

16 Shoshone Circle

Ely, Nevada 89301

702/289-2700

FAX: 702/289-3156

Chief Judge: Clarence McDade

Clerk: Patricia George

### **Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribes**

Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Court

8955 Mission Road

Fallon, Nevada 89406

702/423-6075

FAX: 702/423-5202 (tribe's)

Chief Judge: Rebecca Harold

Clerk: Jon Pishion

Inter-tribal Court of Appeals for Nevada

98 Colony Road

Reno, Nevada 89502

### **Shoshone-Paiute Tribes**

Shoshone-Paiute Tribal Court

P.O. Box 219

Owyhee, Nevada 89832

702/757-2741

FAX: 702/757-2219

Judge:

Assoc. Judge: Clarence McDade

Clerk: Clarice Ball

Shoshone-Paiute Appellate Court

P.O. Box 219

Owyhee, Nevada 89832

Clerk: Clarice Hall

### **Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes**

Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribal Court

P.O. Box 397

McDermitt, Nevada 89421

FAX: 702/532-8402

Chief Judge: Virginia Shane

Assoc. Judge: Oren McDonald

Clerk: Renalda Jane Crutcher

Inter-tribal Court of Appeals for Nevada

98 Colony Road

Reno, Nevada 89502

### **Fort McDowell Mohave-Apache Indian Community**

Fort McDowell Community Court

P.O. Box 17779

Fountain Hills, Arizona 85269

602/837-5121

FAX: 602/837-1630

Judge: Provided by Salt River Tribal Court

### **Fort Mojave Indian Tribe**

Fort Mojave Tribal Court  
500 Merriman  
Needles, California 92363  
619/326-5293  
FAX: 619/326-5287  
Chief Judge: Wilbert Naranjo  
Assoc. Judge: Sheila McCord  
Clerk: Luz Two Bulls  
Receptionist/Clerk: Angela Medarino

### **Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

Gila River Community Court  
P.O. Box 97  
Sacaton, Arizona 85247  
602/562-9270  
FAX: 602/562-3422  
Chief Judge: Dallas Delowe  
Assoc. Judge: Annette Stewart-Lewis  
Assoc. Judge: Darlina Mercado  
Juvenile Judge: Jay Pedro  
Administrator: Karen P. Stewart  
Clerks: Cladys Alvarez, Cheryl Blackwater, Gloria Osife, Linda Pablo, Joanne Rhodes, Jeanette Yarmata, Lorraine Yaramata

Gila River Indian Community Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 97  
Sacaton, Arizona 85247  
Clerks: Gladys Alvarex, Cheryl Blackwater, Gloria Osife, Linda Pablo, Joanne Rhodes, Jeanette Yarmata, Lorraine Yarmata, Jacqueline Zillioux

### **Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation**

Court of Indian Offenses (CFR) for the Goshute Reservation  
Chief Judge: Clarence McDade  
Court Clerk: Denise Suraco

### **Havasupai Tribe**

Havasupai Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 10

Supai, Arizona 86435  
602/448-2961  
Chief Judge: Sheila McCord  
Clerk: Sheila Watahomigie

Havasupai Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 10  
Supai, Arizona 86435  
Clerk: Sheila Watahomigie

### **Hopi Tribe**

Hopi Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 156  
Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034  
602/738-2288  
Chief Judge: Robert Ames  
Assoc. Judge: Delfred Leslie  
Assoc. Judge: Marjorie Talayumptewa

### **Hualapai Tribe**

Hualapai Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 275  
Peach Springs, Arizona 86434  
602/769-2358  
Chief Judge: Jolene Marshall  
Assoc. Judge: Carrie Bender  
Assoc. Judge: Shirely Nelson  
Clerk: Clardina Crook

Hualapai Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 275  
Peach Springs, Arizona 86434  
Judges: Carey Vicenti, Paul Bender, and Richard Perry  
Clerk: Clardina Crook

### **Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians**

Kaibab Paiute Tribal Court  
Judicial Building  
HC 65, Box 328  
Fredona, Arizona 86022

602/643-7214  
FAX: 602/643-7260  
Chief Judge: Danny Bullets  
Clerk: Alberta J. Fuller

### **Las Vegas Tribe of Paiute Indians**

Las Vegas Paiute Tribal Court  
1 Paiute Drive  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89106  
702/386-3926  
FAX: 702/383-4019  
Chief Judge: Vacant  
Judge: Robert Lyttle  
Clerk: Mona Vasquez

### **Lovelock Paiute Tribe**

Court of Indian Offenses (CFR) for the of the Lovelock Indian Colony  
P.O. Box 1109  
Lovelock, Nevada 89419  
FAX: 702/273-7861  
Chief Magistrate:  
Clerk:

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98 Colony Road  
Reno, Nevada 89502

### **Moapa Band of Paiute Indians**

Moapa Paiute Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 56  
Moapa, Nevada 89025  
702/865-2787  
FAX: 702/865-2865  
Judge: Sheila McCord  
Clerk: Patty Medina

### **Paiute Indian Tribe, Utah**

No tribal court appointed

**Pascua Yaqui Tribe**

Pascua Yaqui Tribal Court  
7474 S. Camino De Oeste  
Tucson, Arizona 85746  
602/883-5170  
FAX: 602/883-5014  
Chief Judge Violet Palui-Frank  
Clerk: Rene Garcia  
Deputy Clerk: Rebecca Siguroa

Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 4456 - Station A  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87196  
505/277-5462  
Admin.: Toby Grossman

**Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe**

Pyramid Lake Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 257  
Nixon, Nevada 89424  
702/574-1008  
FAX: 702/786-8232  
Chief Judge: Christopher Mumm  
Assoc. Judge:  
Clerk: Margaret Houten  
Deputy Clerk: Margeline Jim

Intertribal Court of Appeals for Nevada  
98 Colony Road  
Reno, Nevada 89502  
Clerk: Margaret Houten

**Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, California**

No tribal court appointed

**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony**

Reno Sparks Tribal Court  
98 Colony Road

Reno, Nevada 89502  
702/329-2936  
FAX: 702/329-8710  
Chief Judge: Clarence McDade  
Clerk: Karen L. Williams

Inter-tribal Court of Appeals for Nevada  
98 Colony Road  
Reno, Nevada 89502

### **Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

Salt River Community Court  
Route 1, Box 216  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256  
602/941-7212  
FAX: 602/949-2904  
Chief Judge: Delbert Ray, Sr.  
Assoc. Judges: Jackie Torres and Christine Owens  
Juvenile Judge: Alberta Mercado  
Clerk: Vivian Rhodes

Salt River Appellate Court  
Salt River Community Court  
Route 1, Box 216  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85256  
Clerk: Vivian Rhodes

### **San Carlos Apache Tribe**

San Carlos Apache Tribal Court  
P.O. Box  
602/473-2648  
Chief Judge Anson Sneezy Sr.  
Assoc. Judge: Marston Zaye  
Juvenile Judge: Jackson Henry, Sr.  
Justices: Ed Dawson, Jay Abbey, and Delfred Leslie  
Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone

Te-Moak Court of Indian Offenses (CFR) for the Elko Band, South Fork Band, and Wells Indian Colony  
525 Sunset Street  
Elko, Nevada 89801

702/738-5165  
FAX: 702/738-2345  
Magistrate: Clarence McDade  
Clerk: Sharol Finau  
Probation Officer: Helen Dave  
Prosecutor: Phyllis Astarloa

Court of Indian Offenses for the Battle Mountain Colony  
P.O. Box 1528  
Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820  
702/635-2004  
Magistrate: Clarence McDade

Court of Indian Appeals  
Appellate Judge: Robert G. Goicoechea  
Clerk: Sharol Finau

**Tohono O'odham Nation**

Tohono O'odham Judiciary  
P.O. Box 761  
Sells, Arizona 85634  
602/383-3193  
FAX: 602/383-3500  
Chief Judge Malcolm Escalente  
Deputy Chief Judge: Evelyn Juan  
Judges: Mary Juan, Rose Johnson, and Antone Chico, Jr.

Clerk: Darolyn Mease

Tohono O'odham Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 761  
Sells, Arizona 85634  
Clerk: Darolyn Mease

**Tonto Apache Tribe**

Tonto Apache Tribal Court  
Tonto Apache Reservation #30  
Payson, Arizona 85341  
602/476-8625  
FAX: 602/474-9125  
Judge: Dora Dawes  
Clerk: Pam Delma

Tonto Apache Appellate Court  
Tonto Apache Reservation #30  
Payson, Arizona 85341  
Judge: Designated for each appeal  
Clerk: Pam Delma

### **Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation**

Ute Indian Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 190  
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026  
801/722-3633  
Chief Judge: George Tah-bone, Jr.  
Judges Leon Perank and Katherine Jerks

### **Walker River Paiute Tribe**

Walker River Paiute Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 225  
Schurz, Nevada 89427  
702/773-2306  
FAX: 702/773-2333  
Chief Judge: Joseph Van Walraven  
Administrator: LaVerne Roberts

Inter-tribal Court of Appeals for Nevada  
98 Colony Road  
Reno, Nevada 89502

### **Washoe Tribe**

Washoe Tribal Court for the Carson Colony, Dresslerville & Stewart  
919 Highway 395 South  
Gardnerville, Nevada 89410  
702/265-4191  
FAX: 702/265-6240 (tribe's)  
Chief Judge:  
Assoc. Judge:  
Judge: Henry Cavallera  
Clerk: Sylvia Simmons

Inter-tribal Court of Appeals for Nevada  
98 Colony Road  
Reno, Nevada 89502

**White Mountain Apache Tribe**

White Mountain Apache Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 590  
Whiteriver, Arizona 85941  
602/338-4390  
Chief Judge: Kay Lewis  
Assoc. Judge: George Garland  
Juvenile Judge: Durango Homer Fall

**Winnemucca Indian Colony**

Winnemucca Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 397  
McDermitt, Nevada 89421  
FAX: 702/532-8402  
Chief Judge: Provided by Fort McDermitt Tribal Court

Inter-tribal Court of Appeals for Nevada  
98 Colony Road  
Reno, Nevada 89502

**Yavapai-Apache Tribe**

Yavapai-Apache Tribal Court  
824 N. Main  
Cottonwood, Arizona 86326  
602/634-9770  
FAX: 602/634-5520  
Chief Judge: Charles Graham  
Assoc. Judge: Richard Perry  
Clerk: Mary O'Neal

Yavapai-Apache Appellate Court  
824 N. Main  
Cottonwood, Arizona 86326  
Judge: Sierra Russell  
Judge: Carey Vicenti

Judge: Vincent Randall  
Clerk: Mary O'Neal

**Yavapai-Prescott Tribe**

Yavapai-Prescott Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 762  
Prescott, Arizona 86302  
602/445-3500  
FAX: 602/771-3302  
Judge: Robert W. Kuebler  
Clerk: LaVon McGlinn

Yavapai-Prescott Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 762  
Prescott, Arizona 86302  
Judge: Designated for each appeal  
Clerk: LaVon McGlinn

**Yerington Paiute Tribe Yerington Paiute Tribe**

Yerington Paiute Tribal Court  
171 Campbell Lane  
Yerington, Nevada 89447  
702/463-3301  
FAX: 702/463-2416  
Chief Judge: Henry Cavallera  
Clerk: Joanne Rogers

Inter-tribal Court of Appeals for Nevada  
98 Colony Road  
Reno, Nevada 89502

**Yomba Shoshone Tribe**

Court of Indian Offenses (CFR) for the Yomba Reservation  
HC 61, Box 6275  
Austin, Nevada 87310  
702/964-2463  
FAX: 702/964-2443  
Magistrate: Peter Capossela  
Clerk: Violet Hooper

Inter-tribal Court of Appeals for Nevada  
98 Colony Road  
Reno, Nevada 89502

**Portland Area BIA**

**Burns Paiute Indian Colony**

Burns Paiute Tribal Court  
HC-71, 100 Pasigo Street  
Burns, Oregon 97720  
503/573-2793  
FAX: 503/573-3854  
Chief Judge: Mark Kemp  
Clerk: Linda Beaver

**Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)**

121 Fifth Avenue, North #305  
Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise  
Appellate Judges: Emma Dulik, Jeannette Whitford, and Mary Pearson

**Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation**

Chehalis Tribal Court (NICS)  
P.O. Box 536  
Oakville, Washington 98568  
206/273-5911  
FAX: 206/273-5914  
Judge: Lawrence Numkena  
Clerk: Penny Gleason

**Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)**

121 Fifth Avenue, North #305  
Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise  
Appellate Judges: Emma Dulik, Jeannette Whitford, and Mary Pearson

### **Coeur D'Alene Tribe**

Coeur D'Alene Tribal Court  
Coeur D'Alene Sub-Agency  
Plummer, Idaho 83851  
208/686-1800 ext. 267  
FAX: 208/686-1289  
Chief Judge: James Steele  
Clerk: Francine Pierre

Coeur D'Alene Appellate Court  
Coeur D'Alene Sub-Agency  
Plummer, Idaho 83851  
Appellate Judge: Dave Bonga

### **Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation**

Colville Confederated Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 159  
Nespelem, Washington 99155  
509/634-4711  
FAX: 509/634-4116  
Chief Judge: Mary T. Wynne  
Assoc. Judge: Brian Collins  
Magistrates: Mike Somday, Jane Smith  
Admin. Clerk: Jane Smith

Colville Confederated Tribal Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 159  
Nespelem, Washington 99155  
Chief Appellate Judge: Anita Dupris

### **Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation**

Flathead Tribal Court Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes  
P.O. Box 278  
Pablo, Montana 59855  
406/675-2700  
FAX: 406/675-2700  
Chief Judge: Louise C. Burke  
Assoc. Judges: Charlene Yellow Kidney, Stephen Lozar, Leslie Kallowat, and Gary Acevedo  
Clerk: Rhonda Jean

Court of Appeals - Civil  
Chief Appellate Judge: Abigail Dupuis  
Appellate Judges: Margaret Hall, Robert Gauthier

**Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Oregon**

No tribal court appointed

**Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community**

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court  
9615 Grand Ronde Road  
Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347  
503/879-2301  
FAX: 503/879-5964  
Chief Judge: Roberta W. Goodwin  
Chief Clerk: Sandra Stearns

**Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation**

Warm Springs Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 850  
Warm Springs, Oregon 97761  
503/553-3454  
FAX: 503/553-3281  
Chief Judge: Lola Sohapp  
Assoc. Judge: Walter Langnese III  
Clerks: Lisa Lomas, Alice Cundell, Linda Langley

Warm Springs Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 850  
Warm Springs, Oregon 97761  
Chief Judge: George Clements  
Appellate Judges: Mary Daneuka, Eunice Esquiro, Verbena Greene, and Hamilton Greeley

Coquille Indian Tribal Court  
3050 Tremont Street  
P.O. Box 783  
North Bend, Oregon 97459  
1-800-622-5869  
FAX: 541/756-0847

Judge: Don Owen Costello

**Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, Oregon**

No tribal court appointed

**Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation**

Shoshone Bannock Tribal Court

P.O. Box 306

Fort Hall, Idaho 83203

208/238-3700

FAX: 208/237-9432

Chief Judge: Leo Ariwite

Assoc. Judge: Christina Bronco

Clerk: Adeline Matsaw

**Hoh Indian Tribe**

Hoh Tribal Court (NICS)

HC 80, Box 917

Forks, Washington 98331

206/374-6582

FAX: 206/374-6549

Judge: Elbridge Coochise

Clerk: Sharon Heppe

Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)

121 Fifth Avenue, North #305

Edmonds, Washington 98020

206/774-5808

FAX: 206/778-7704

Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

**Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe**

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Court (NICS)

1033 Old Blyn Highway

Sequim, Washington 98382

206/683-1109

FAX: 206/681-4643

Judge: Mary Pearson

Clerk: Ann Balch

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121 Fifth Avenue, North #305  
Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Kalispel Indian Community**

Kalispel Tribal Court (NICS)  
P.O. Box 38  
Usk, Washington 99180  
509/445-1664  
FAX: 509-445-1705

Clerk: Carol Quinones  
Judge (NICS): Jeannette Whitford  
Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)  
121 Fifth Avenue, North #305  
Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Klamath Indian Tribe**

Klamath Judicial Panel  
P.O. Box 436  
Chiloquin, Oregon 97624  
503/783-2218  
FAX: 503/783-2029  
Judicial Chairperson

### **Kootenai Tribe**

Kootenai Tribal Court P.O. Box 1269  
Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805  
208/267-3519  
FAX: 208-267-2960  
Chief Judge: Fred Gabourie

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Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Lower Elwha Tribal Community**

Lower Elwha Tribal Court (NICS)  
1666 Lower Elwha Road  
Port Angeles, Washington 98362  
206/452-8471  
FAX: 206-276-4191  
Judge: Susan Owens

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121 Fifth Avenue, North #305  
Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Lummi Tribe**

Lummi Tribal Court (NICS)  
2616 Kwina Road  
Bellingham, Washington 98226  
206/734-8180  
FAX: 206/384-4543  
Chief Judge: Randy Doucet  
Judge: Theresa Pouley  
Administrator: Charmaine Peat

Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)  
121 Fifth Avenue, North #305  
Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Makah Indian Tribe**

Makah Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 115  
Neah Bay, Washington 98357  
206/296.645-2727  
FAX: 206/645-2441  
Chief Judge: Jean Vitalis  
Administrator: Ruth C. Hahn

Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)  
121 Fifth Avenue, North #305  
Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Metlakatla Indian Community, Annette Island Reserve**

Metlakatla Magistrate Court  
P.O. Box 8  
Metlakatla, Alaska 99626  
907/886-4021  
FAX: 907/886-4021  
Chief Judge: Harris Atkinson  
Juvenile Judge: Pamela Mcgilton

Metlakatla Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 8  
Metlakatla, Alaska 99626  
Appellate Clerk: Ethel Leask

### **Muckleshoot Indian Tribe**

Muckleshoot Tribal Court (NICS)  
39015 172nd Ave., SE  
Auburn, Washington 98002  
206/939-3311  
FAX: 206/939-5311  
Judge: Lawrence Numkena  
Clerk: Tanya Motta

Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)  
121 Fifth Avenue, North #305  
Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

**Nez Perce Tribe**

Nez Perce Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 305  
Lapwai, Idaho 83540  
208/843-5420  
FAX: 208/843-7337  
Associate Judges: Eva J. While, Earl McGeoghegan, and David Risley  
Admin. Clerk: Thelma Oberly  
Clerks: Linda Jackson, Kimberly Bryant, Betty Corbett

Nez Perce Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 305  
Lapwai, Idaho 83540

**Nisqually Indian Community**

Nisqually Tribal Court (NICS)  
4820 She-Nah-Num Drive, SE  
Olympia, Washington 98503  
206/456-5221  
FAX: 206/456-5280  
Judge: Les Ching  
Administrator: Marie Kalama  
Clerk: Vickie McMaster

Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)  
121 Fifth Avenue, North #305  
Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Nooksack Indian Tribe**

Nooksack Tribal Court (NICS)  
P.O. Box 157  
Deming, Washington 98244  
206/592-57776  
FAX: 206/592-5753  
Judge: Emma Dulik  
Clerk: Elouise Tom

Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)  
121 Fifth Avenue, North #305  
Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Northwestern Band of Shoshoni Indians (Washakie), Utah**

No tribal court appointed

### **Port Gamble Indian Community**

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Court (NICS)  
P.O. Box 280  
Deming, Washington 98244  
206/297-2646  
FAX: 206/297-7097  
Judge: Emma Dulik  
Administrator: Candy Ives

Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)  
121 Fifth Avenue, North #305  
Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Puyallup Tribe**

Puyallup Tribal Court  
2002 E. 28th Street  
Tacoma, Washington 98404

206/597-6200  
FAX: 206/272-9514  
Chief Judge: Dennis Nelson  
Administrator: Melissa Juarez

Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)  
121 Fifth Avenue, North #305  
Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Quileute Tribe**

Quileute Tribal Court (NICS)  
P.O. Box 279  
La Push, Washington 9835  
206/374-6163  
FAX: 206/ 374-6311  
Judge Pro Tempore: Jean Vitlis, Charles Harrison  
Administrator: Neil Malmsten  
Clerk: Rhonda Flores

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Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Quinault Tribe**

Quinault Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 99  
Taholah, Washington 98587  
206/276-8211  
FAX: 206/276-4191  
Chief Judge: Edythe Chenois  
Assoc. Judge: Francis Rosander  
Administrator: Julie Burnett  
Clerk: Nannah Martin

Quinault Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 99  
Taholah, Washington 98587  
Chief Judge: David Bonga

**Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe**

Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Court (NICS)  
5318 Chief Brown Land  
Darrington, Washington 98241  
206/4360131  
FAX: 206/436-1511  
Clerk: Eveline Matory

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**Shoalwater Bay Tribe**

Shoalwater Tribal Court (NICS)  
P.O. Box 330  
Tokeland, Washington 98590  
206/267-6766  
FAX: 206/267-6678  
Judge (NICS): Mary Pearson  
Judge (NICS): Emma Dulik  
Clerk: Lynn Clark

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**Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Reservation**

Siletz Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 549

Siletz, Oregon 97380  
503/444-4338  
FAX: 503/444-2307  
Chief Judge: Diane M. Robertson  
Assoc. Judges: Betty J. Under, Mary Viles, Cynthia Viles, and Gladys Bolton  
Administrator: Raymond Blacketer

Siletz Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 549  
Siletz, Oregon 97380  
Chief Appellate Judge: Betty Landgo  
Appellate Judges: Brett Kenney, Mike Dowsett

### **Skokomish Indian Tribe**

Skokomish Tribal Court  
N. 80 Tribal Center Road  
Shelton, Washington 98584  
206/426-4232 ext. 212  
FAX: 206/877-5943  
Judge: Emma Dulik  
Clerk: Deyette Marlo  
Fisheries Clerk: Lynn Tinach  
Civil Clerk: Helen Hunter-Bever

### **Spokane Tribe**

Spokane Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 225  
Wellpinit, Washington 99040  
509/258-7717  
FAX: 509/258-4563  
Chief Judge: Conrad Pascal  
Assoc. Judge: Louie Wynne  
Clerks: Annette Peone, Ann McCrea

### **Squaxin Island Tribe**

Squaxin Island Tribal Court (NICS)  
S.E. 70 Squaxin Lane  
Shelton, Washington 98584  
206/426-9781  
FAX: 206/426-6577

Judge: Mary Pearson  
Clerks: Traci Salmi, Shelley Rawding

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206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Stillaguamish Tribe**

Stillaguamish Tribal Court (NICS)  
3439 Stoluckguamish Land  
Arlington, Washington 98223  
206/652-7362  
FAX: 206/435-2204  
Clerk: Patrice Kempf

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206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Suquamish Indian Tribe**

Suquamish Tribal Court (NICS)  
P.O. Box 1209  
Suquamish, Washington 98392  
206/598-3311  
FAX: 206/645-2201  
Chief Judge: Colin Kippen  
Judge Pro Tem: Ivis Shue, Beverly Adam  
Clerk: Corinne Rock

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206/774-5808

FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Swinomish Indians**

Swinomish Tribal Court (NICS)  
P.O. Box 277  
LaConner, Washington 98257  
206/466-7217  
FAX: 206-446-3610  
Clerk: Leon John

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206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Tulalip Tribes**

Tulalip Tribal Court (NICS)  
6700 Totem Beach Road  
Marysville, Washington 98270  
206/653-4585  
FAX: 206/653-0255  
Clerk: Annie Moses

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206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation**

Umatilla Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 1083  
Pendleton, Oregon 97801  
503/276-2033  
FAX: 503/276-9060  
Chief Judge: William D. Johnson

Judge Pro Tempore: Lynn Hampton  
Admin.: David Quaempts

Umatilla Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 1083  
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

### **Upper Skagit Indian Tribe**

Upper Skagit Court System (NICS)  
2284 Community Plaza  
Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284  
206/856-5501  
FAX: 206/653-2712  
Judge: Marguerite Edwards  
Assoc. Judge: Doreen Maloney  
Clerk: Michele Robbins

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Edmonds, Washington 98020  
206/774-5808  
FAX: 206/778-7704  
Chief Judge/Admin.: Elbridge Coochise

### **Confederated Tribes of the Bands of the Yakima Indian Nation**

Yakima Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 151  
Toppenish, Washington 98948  
509/865-5121  
FAX: 509/865-5745  
Judges: Alvin Settler, Julian Pinkham  
Assoc. Judge: Reuben Sandoval  
Administrator: Deette Miller  
Clerks: Miller, Mary Rose Romero, Trina Canapo, Arleen Selam, Sandra Jim

Yakima Appellate Court  
P.O. Box 151  
Toppenish, Washington 98948  
Judges: Loritha Warwick, Mavis Kindness, and Esther Bill  
Clerk: Sandra Jim

## **Sacramento BIA Area**

### **Hoopa Valley Tribe**

Hoopa Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 1348  
Hoopa, California 95546  
916/625-4305  
Judge: Byron Nelson, Jr.

### **Yurok Tribe**

Court of Indian Offenses (CFR) for the Hoopa Valley Reservation  
- Yurok Tribe (Fishing Violations)  
Klamath Field Office  
P.O. Box 789  
Klamath, California 95548-0789  
707/482-6421  
FAX: 707/482-8375  
Judge: Barbara Streeter

North Coast Intertribal Children's Court  
242 C Street  
Eureka, CA 95501  
Phone: 707-443-8945  
Fax: 707-443-6381  
e-mail: [ncitcc@cumboldt1.com](mailto:ncitcc@cumboldt1.com)  
Judge: Victor T. Schaub