
IN THE TRIBAL COURT
FOR THE TULE RIVER TRIBE OF CALIFORNIA

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:
REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE OF
LAW IN THE TULE RIVER INDIAN
TRIBAL COURTS**

**TRTC-AO-0001
November 26, 2024**

Pursuant to the Tule River Tribal Code, the Tule River Indian Tribal Council has authorized and empowered the Tule River Indian Tribal Court Chief Judge and the Tule River Indian Tribal Court Administrator to regulate the practice of law in the Tule River Indian Tribal Courts. TULE RIVER TRIBAL CODE, Title III, § 1.12 (hereinafter "Judicial Code"). The Chief Judge and the Tribal Court Administrator find that it is necessary to require that all officers of the Tule River Indian Tribal Court adhere to minimum standards of professional conduct to ensure the integrity of the practice of law. Officers of the court are defined as all attorneys and lay advocates licensed to practice law in the Tule River Indian Tribal Courts.

Pursuant to the Tule River Judicial Code, the Tule River Indian Tribal Court Chief Judge and the Tribal Court Administrator hereby ORDER that the following requirements shall be complied with for any attorney and/or lay advocate to practice law in the Tule River Indian Tribal Courts:

1. Every attorney licensed to practice law in the Tule River Indian Tribal Court shall be familiar with and comply with the rules of professional conduct in the state(s) where he/she is licensed to practice law.

2. Every lay advocate licensed to practice law in the Tule River Indian Tribal Court shall be familiar with and comply with the American Bar Association Model Rules of Professional Conduct.
3. Every attorney licensed to practice law in the Tule River Indian Tribal Court shall comply with the Continuing Learning Educational requirements of the state(s) where he/she is licensed to practice law.
4. Every lay advocate licensed to practice law in the Tule River Indian Tribal Court shall participate in 12 Continuing Learning Education Credits every year. These credits must be approved by the Tule River Indian Tribal Court Chief Judge, either prior to or subsequent to participation in the Continuing Learning Education Credits. There must be at least 4 credits focusing on federal Indian law or tribal law, and at least 2 credits focusing on ethical responsibilities.
5. All these requirements shall be met and reported to the Tule River Indian Tribal Court Clerk on a yearly basis. The reporting cycle shall be the close of business on June 30 of every year. (The reporting cycle specifically begins on July 1 of every year and ends on June 30 of the subsequent year.)
6. Any attorney and/or tribal advocate that does not meet these requirements may be subject to a late fee of \$50 per month, suspension of licensure, disbarment, and/or any other appropriate sanction consistent with Judicial Code § 4.04.

Chief Judge Paul Tsosie

Tribal Court Administrator Chelsea James




