



JUDICIAL COUNCIL  
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TRIBAL COURT-STATE COURT FORUM

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OPEN MEETING AGENDA

Open to the Public (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.75(c)(1))

THIS MEETING IS BEING CONDUCTED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED

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**Date:** October 8, 2015  
**Time:** 12:15–1:15 p.m.  
**Location:** Conference Call  
**Public Call-In Number** 1-877-820-7831 and enter Passcode: 4133250

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Agenda items are numbered for identification purposes only and will not necessarily be considered in the indicated order.

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**I. OPEN MEETING (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(C)(1))**

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**Call to Order and Roll Call**

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**II. PUBLIC COMMENT (CAL. RULES OF COURT, RULE 10.75(K)(2))**

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**Public Comment**

This meeting will be conducted by teleconference. As such, the public may only submit written comments for this meeting.

**Written Comment**

In accordance with California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(k)(1), written comments pertaining to any agenda item of a regularly noticed open meeting can be submitted up to one complete business day before the meeting. For this specific meeting, comments should be e-mailed to [forum@jud.ca.gov](mailto:forum@jud.ca.gov) or mailed or delivered to 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102, attention: Jennifer Walter. Only written comments received by 12:15 p.m. on October 7, 2015 will be provided to advisory body members.

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**III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1-8)**

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**Item 1**

**Cochair Report**

- **Welcome New Members and Orientation Materials**  
(Hon. Gail Dekreon, Hon. Michael A. Juhas, Hon. John H. Sugiyama, and Hon. Sunshine Sykes)
- **Discussion on Selection of Tribal Court Judge Cochair to the Forum**
- **Approval of the Meeting Minutes**
- **News on In re Abbigail A., S220187**

The court invites the United States to serve and file an amicus curiae brief in this case on the question whether rules 5.482(c) and 5.484(c)(2) of the California Rules of Court are preempted to the extent those rules purport to require California courts to apply the Indian Child Welfare Act (25 U.S.C. § 1901 et seq.) (ICWA) in child custody proceedings involving a minor who is not an "Indian child" as defined in ICWA. (See 25 U.S.C. § 1903(4); cf. id., §§ 1902 & 1921.) The court requests the brief be filed by October 16, 2015, or any later date specified in a subsequent order granting a request by the United States for an extension of time. The parties may serve and file answer briefs no more than 20 days after the United States' amicus curiae brief is filed.

- **News from Department of Justice/FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division Tribal Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma- August 19, 2015**

The Department of Justice is launching an initial phase of the Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP) to provide federally-recognized tribes access to national crime information databases for both civil and criminal purposes. TAP will allow tribes to more effectively serve and protect their communities by ensuring the exchange of critical data.

**Item 2 (Partnerships)**

**California Department of Justice New Bureau of Children's Justice (ICWA Focus)**

Presenter: Mr. Michael L. Newman, Director, California Department of Justice  
New Bureau of Children's Justice  
Mr. Olin Jones

**Item 3 (Education)**

**[Report on Tribal Wellness Court Enhancement Training](#)**

Presenters: Hon. Christine Williams  
Hon. Suzanne N. Kingsbury  
Ms. Jaqueline Davenport

**Item 4 (Partnerships)**

**Federal Component of the Court Administrator Toolkit**

Presenter: Hon. Edward J. Davila, District Judge, U.S. District Court

**Item 5 (Education)**

**Jurisdictional Tools for Judges and Law Enforcement**

Presenters: Hon. Joseph J. Wiseman  
Ms. Jenny Walter

**Item 6 (Education)**

**Report on Partnership with CJER Governing Board's Curriculum Committees to Make Recommendations to Incorporate Federal Indian Law into CJER Online Judicial Educational Materials (using the forum's Federal Indian Law Toolkit as a starting point)**

Presenter: Hon. David Nelson

**Item 7 (Partnerships)**

**[California Tribal Court Directory Update](#)**

Presenter: Ms.Carolynn Bernabe  
Ms. Jenny Walter

**Item 8 (Partnerships)**

**[Native American Day at the Capitol](#)**

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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Adjourn**