

## THE ARIZONA TRIBAL COURTS

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Ak-Chin Indian Community Court  
47314 West Farrell Road  
Maricopa, AZ 85239  
(602) 252 0066  
Fax (520) 568-2616

**Ida Wilbur, Chief Judge**  
**Jerry Derrick, Associate Judge**  
**Neil Flores, Pro Tem**

- Tribal Appellate opinions are published by SWITCA Contact SWITCA at (505) 277-5462.
- Requirements to appear in Tribal Court: Must fill out application and background check is conducted.
- Tribal code is not available on-line. Obtain a copy by paying \$50 to Ak-Chin Tribal Court.

### **Chemehuevi Indian Tribal Court**

PO Box 1930  
Havasu Lake, CA 92363  
(760) 858-4219  
Fax (760) 858-5400

**Robert Molar, Chief Judge**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions
- Requirements to appear in Tribal Court: Admission fee, opened to non-tribal members
- Tribal code not available on-line. Tribal ordinances not in code form.

### **Cocopah Tribal Court**

County 15<sup>th</sup> & Avenue G  
Somerton, AZ 85350  
(928) 627-2550  
Fax (928) 627-3173

**Angel R. Chavez, Chief Judge**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions. Has published only once in 1997 prepared by Four Rivers Indian Legal Services.

- Requirements to appear in Tribal Court: Pay a license fee and know Cocopah law.
- Tribal Code can be obtained by paying \$0.25/page. Tribe will then mail copy out.

**Colorado River Tribal Court**

PO Box 3428  
 Parker, AZ 85344  
 (928) 669-1355  
 Fax (928) 669-9223

**Jacqueline Hill, Chief Judge**  
**Gertrude Fisher, Associate Judge**  
**Judge Passey, Associate Judge**  
**Neil T. Flores, Pro Tem Judge**

- The Court does publish tribal appellate opinions. To obtain opinions call Legal Services Department at 928-669-9211
- Requirements to appear in Tribal Court: Any licensed attorney.

**Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Court**

PO Box 17240  
 Fountain Hills, AZ 85269  
 (480) 816-7604  
 Fax (480) 816-7605

**Charlene Jackson, Chief Judge**  
**Vacant, Judge**  
**Vacant, Judge**

**Fort McDowell Supreme Court Justices**

**Paul Bender**  
**Violet Lui-Frank**  
**Rebecca Tsosie**

- Does publish tribal appellate opinions in Indian Reporter and Versus Law.
- Requirements to appear in Tribal Court: Does not allow attorneys in civil court. Must be advocate for civil court.
- Tribal code \$20 fee or free if requested for library use.

**Fort Mohave Tribal Court**

8492 S. Highway 95

Mohave Valley, AZ 86440  
(928) 346-5293  
Fax (928) 346-5287

**Kay Lewis, Chief Judge**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions.
- Requirements to appear in Tribal Court: \$75 admission fee. Barred attorney of any state.
- Tribal code is not available on-line. Must request code through Court Administration and pay a \$75 fee.

**Gila River Community Court**

PO Box 368  
Sacaton, AZ 85247  
(520) 562-9270/3529  
Fax (520) 562-3525

**William Rhodes, Chief Judge**  
**Darlina Mercado, Associate Judge**  
**Lucinda Little, Associate Judge**  
**Jay Pedro, Children's Court Judge**  
**Willardine Lewis, Children's Ct Judge**  
**Mark Higgins, Court Solicitor**  
**Victor Antone, Pro Tem Judge**  
**Joe Manuel, Pro Tem Judge**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions.
- Requirements to appear in Tribal Court: Tribal license, \$75 fee and need petition to practice from court. Must pass state bar if not Indian.
- Tribal code not available on-line. Must request from (520)562-3311.

**Havasupai Tribal Court**

PO Box 94  
Supai, AZ 86435  
(928) 448-2701  
(888) 654-2076  
Fax (928) 448-2551

**Joe Washington, Chief Judge**

- Does publish tribal appellate opinions. Must call Sheila Mankaja at (928)448-2731 to obtain a

copy.

- Requirements to appear in tribal court: no felonies within a year.
- Tribal code not available on line. \$25 fee to obtain copy or free if asked by library.

**Hopi Tribal Court**

PO Box 156  
Keams Canyon, AZ 86034  
(928) 738-5171  
Fax (928) 738-5561

**Gary LaRance, Chief Judge**  
**Delfred Leslie, Associate Judge**  
**Darlene Lucario-Nuvamsa, Children's Ct Judge**

Hopi Appellate Court  
**Emory Sekaquaptewa**  
**Fred Lomayesva**  
**Diane Humetewa**

- In the process of publishing tribal appellate opinions and making tribal code available on-line.
- Requirements to appear in Tribal court: Application reviewed by Chief Judge. Application renewed annually. \$25 fee.

**Hualapai Tribal Court**

PO Box 275  
Peach Springs, AZ 86434  
(928) 769-2358/2338  
Fax (928) 769-2736

**Delbert Ray, Chief Judge**  
**Tammy Walker, Associate Judge**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions.
- Requirements to appear in Tribal Court: No misdemeanor or felony within a year. Application fee \$200/year or \$30/case. Does not require AZ bar exam.
- Tribal code not available on-line. Must request a copy by writing to the Tribal Court.

**Kaibab-Paiute Tribal Court**

HC65 Box 328

Fredonia, AZ 86022  
(928) 643-7214  
Fax (928) 643-7260

**Ann Richardson, Chief Judge**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions.
- Requirements to appear in tribal court: Attorneys need to read tribal code. The judge decides if attorney can appear in court. Must be a tribal member to be an advocate.
- Tribal code not available on-line. Request a copy from the court clerk \$50 fee.

**NAVAJO NATION**

**Navajo Nation Supreme Court**

PO Drawer 520  
Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-6763  
Fax (928) 871-7016

**Vacant, Chief Justice**

**Vacant, Justice**

**Lorene Ferguson, Justice**

- Does publish tribal appellate opinions. Navajo Reporter. Subscribe/year \$150
- Requirements to appear in Tribal Court: Navajo Nation Bar Association. Graduate from accredited law school. If Native American you don't have to be a member of the State Bar or have J.D. Need to take a law review course by Navajo Nation. Any Native American registered with any federal recognized tribe and must be over 18 years old.
- Tribal code not available on line. Must contact Navajo Nation Office of Recording at (928) 871-6558. \$100/set.

**Chinle Judicial District**

PO Box 547  
Chinle, AZ 86503  
(928) 674-2070  
Fax (928) 674-2089

**Leroy Bedonie, Judge**

**Judi Maestas, Judge**

**Crownpoint Judicial District**

PO Box 6

Crownpoint NM 87313  
(505) 768-2072  
Fax (505) 786-2086

**Lorretta A. Morris, Judge**  
**Irene Toledo, Judge**

**Kayenta Judicial District**

PO Box 2700  
Kayenta, AZ 86033  
(928) 697-5550  
Fax (928) 697-5546

**Angela Keahnie-Sanford, Judge**  
**Geraldine Benally, Judge**

**Ramah Judicial District**

PO Box 291  
Ramah, NM 87321  
(505) 775-3218  
Fax (505) 775-3399

**Patricia Johnson, Judge**

**Alamo Circuit Court**

PO Box 163  
Magdalena, NM 87825  
(505) 854-2668  
Fax (505) 854-2660

**Geraldine Benally, Judge**

**Canoncito Circuit Court**

PO Box 3101  
Canoncito, NM 87026  
(505) 836-1642  
Fax (505) 836-6431

**Geraldine Benally, Judge**

**Shiprock Judicial District**

PO Box 1168  
Shiprock, NM 87420

(505) 368-1270  
Fax (505) 368-1288

**Raymond A. Begaye, District Court Judge**  
**Marilou B. Begay, Family Court Judge**

**Tuba City Judicial District**

PO Box 725  
Tuba City, AZ 86045  
(928) 283-3140  
Fax (928) 283-3158

**Manuel Watchman, Judge**  
**Jennifer Benally, Judge**  
**Patricia Johnson, Judge**

**Window Rock Judicial District**

PO Box 5520  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

District Court (928) 871-6626  
Family Court (928) 871-6471  
Peacemaker Court (928) 871-6940  
Fax (928) 871-7560

**Allen Sloan, Judge**  
**LaVerne Johnson, Judge**  
**Thomas Holgate, Judge**

**(End of Navajo Nation)**

**Pascua Yaqui Tribal Court**

7474 S. Camino de Oeste  
Tucson, AZ 85746  
(520) 879-6276  
Fax (520) 879-6277

**Cornelia Cruz, Chief Judge**  
**Rebecca Figueroa, Associate Judge**

**Pascua Yaqui Supreme Court**  
**Richard Monet, Chief Justice**

**Carolyn Abeita, Justice**  
**Carey Vicente, Justice**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions.
- Requirements to appear in tribal court: Must pass certification class taught by Chief Judge every three months. \$25 fee.
- Tribal code not available on-line. Money order \$30 to obtain copy.

**Quechan Tribal Court**

PO Box 1899  
Yuma, AZ 85366  
(760) 572-5552  
(760) 572-5566  
Fax (760) 572-5560

**Sheila McCord, Judge**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions.
- Requirements to appear in tribal court: No requirement of state bar. Must be over 21 and of good moral character. \$25 tribal association fee.
- Tribal code is not available on-line. Must go in and review. Copies not for sale and cannot check the code out.

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

10005 E. Osborn Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256  
(480) 850-8115  
Fax: (480) 850-8132

**Vacant, Chief Judge**

**Ramona Loring, Associate Judge**

**Bonnie Makil, Associate Judge**

**Juanita K. James, Associate Judge**

**Delroy Manuel, Judge**

**Darayne Achin, Judge**

**David Osterfeld, Court Solicitor**

**Robert Mills, Court Administrator**

The Appellate Division of the Community Court consists of two (2) judges of the Community Court appointed by the Chief Judge as needed.

- Appellate opinions are generally not published with the exception of some past opinions which have appeared in the “Indian Law Reporter”.

- Attorneys and advocates may appear in the Community Court if approved to practice according to the Rules of Admission. Contact the Community Court for an application and further details.
- There is a published tribal code, but it is not available on line. A current copy of the Code may be found at the Arizona State University College of Law Library. To obtain a copy at a fee, please contact the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council Secretary at 480-850-8000.

**San Carlos Tribal Court**

PO Box 6  
 San Carlos, AZ 85550  
 (928) 475-2648  
 Fax (928) 475-2750

Juvenile Court  
 PO Box 0  
 San Carlos, AZ 85550  
 (928) 475-2466

**Vacant, Chief Judge**  
**Marston Zaye, Associate Judge**  
**Donavan Case, Juvenile Judge**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions.
- Requirements to appear in tribal court: Must pass San Carlos Bar Exam.
- There is no fee to obtain a copy of tribal code.

**Tohono O'Odham Nation Justice Center**

PO Box 761  
 Sells, AZ 85634  
 (520) 383-6300  
 Fax (520) 383-3500

**Betsy Norris, Chief Judge**  
**Violet Lui-Frank, Deputy Chief Judge**  
**Rose Johnson Antone, Judge**  
**Teresa Donahue, Judge**  
**Tracy Hobson, Court Solicitor**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions.
- Tribal code not available on-line. In order to obtain a copy of tribal code you must send money

order of \$50 for the entire set.

- Attorneys/Advocates may appear provided they have completed and submitted the required questionnaire to the tribal court.

**Tonto Apache Tribal Court**

31 Tonto Apache Reservation  
Payson, AZ 85541  
(928) 474-8625  
Fax (928) 474-9125

**Tao Etpison, Chief Judge**

- Does publish appellate opinions. To obtain a copy you must request in writing.
- Tribal code not available on-line. To obtain a copy you must request in writing. \$.025/page

**White Mountain Apache Tribal Court**

PO Box 598  
Whiteriver, AZ 85941-0598  
(928) 338-4720  
Fax (928) 338-1163

**Durango Fall, Chief Judge**

**Reagan Armstrong, Judge**

**Johanna Hinton, Judge**

**Georgianna Stover-Hastings, Juvenile Judge**

**Vincent Craig, Pro Tem**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions. In order to obtain copy must contact court \$1/copy.
- Requirements to appear in tribal court: If appearing law student you can appear under supervision of state bar attorney. If tribal member you can become advocate without any restrictions. Also if licensed AZ state bar
- Tribal code is not available on-line. Contact to obtain copy.

**Yavapai-Apache Tribal Court**

PO Box 3500  
2400 W. Datsi Street  
Camp Verde, AZ 86322  
(928) 567-1033

Fax (928) 567-1060

**Jesse Filkins, Chief Judge**  
**Maryette Patch, Judge**  
**Sharon Begay, Judge**  
**Genevieve Harlan, Judge**

Yavapai-Apache Court of Appeals

**Cheryl Fairbanks, Chief Justice**  
**Cary Vicenti, Justice**  
**Vernon Randall, Justice**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions. Must request in writing and state what it will be used for.
- Requirements to appear in tribal court: Must fill out a form. \$150 fee/year.
- Tribal code not available on line. Request in writing.

**Yavapai-Prescott Tribal Court**

Yavapai County Courthouse, Room 112  
Prescott, AZ 86301  
(928) 771-3300  
Fax (928) 771-3302

**Arthur Markham, Tribal Magistrate**

- Does not publish tribal appellate opinions.
- Tribal code not available on-line.

**Zuni Tribal Court**

505-782-7042  
Fax 505-782-7219

**Sharon Begaye, Judge**  
**Neil Flores, Pro Tem**