

SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN ARIZONA INDIAN COUNTRY

Indian Tribe	Tribal Law or Policy
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	The Fort McDowell tribal court bailiff acts as the process server on the reservation.
Gila River Indian Community	The Gila River Indian Community code governs service of process. For matters filed in Community court, personal service may be made by a Community law enforcement official or special appointee who meets certain qualifications. Foreign court orders or summons must be filed with the Community court and, if found valid, shall be served by a Community law enforcement official or other designated person.
Hopi Tribe	The Hopi Indian Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure establish that personal service may be completed by “any law enforcement officer or other person, not a party, 18 years of age or older.”
Navajo Nation	The Navajo Rules of Civil Procedure govern service of process and require that service attempts be made in the following order: 1) personal service, 2) certified mail, 3) publication. Personal service may be completed by a Navajo police officer, special appointee made by presiding judge, or a private process server registered with the court.
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC)	SRPMIC’s tribal court employs process servers. These employees serve process on all matters filed through the tribal court. SRPMIC’s general counsel, Charleen Greer, issued a written statement establishing that no outside process servers are allowed to serve process on the reservation. If process needs to be served on a state or federal court matter, then it is done by certified mail or by filing for comity through the tribal court.
San Carlos Apache Tribe	The San Carlos tribal court employs its own process server, who serves on all civil matters filed in the tribal court. Foreign court orders must be processed through the tribal court for a \$20 fee and will be served by the court’s process server.

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Tohono O'odham Nation	The Tohono O'odham Justice Center does not have any written code section or policy that covers service of process. The Justice Center employs their own process servers, who are employees of the judicial branch. Foreign court summons and orders are processed through the Justice Center and served by the tribe's process server.
Yavapai-Apache Tribe	Tribal police officers and the tribal court bailiff act as process servers on the reservation. Foreign judgment orders must be filed with the tribal court, who will then set a hearing. Foreign judgments approved by the court shall be served like any other civil matter.