

IOWA TRIBAL COURT

Government operations of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma is strengthened by the enhancement of its programs through tribal legislative and judicial methods which is an ongoing process. Its judicial capabilities are empowered by the successful operation of the Tribe's court system. By administering its own judicial system, speedy and impartial adjudication of violations of tribal law and the resolution of civil disputes are handled accordingly in a court of law.

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma first established and operated its tribal court system through an inter-tribal agreement with a neighboring tribe in 1987. In 1992, the Iowas assumed complete operation of its Tribal Court and physically relocated Court from the inter-tribal location to the Iowa Tribal Headquarters in Perkins, Oklahoma.

Tribal Court is a court of general jurisdiction and administers its law and order in civil, criminal and juvenile matters. The Tribe's judicial authority is based upon its Constitution and its Tribal Law and Order Code.

Court staff consists of District Court Judge Phil Lujan, Associate District Judge Lisa Otipoby-Herbert, Attorney General/Prosecutor Truman Carter and Public Defender Sherman Murray, as well as a Court Administrator/Court Clerk Patricia Roe. The Iowa Tribe Supreme Court is made up of three justices and one Chief Justice.

Office hours for Court as well as the Law Library are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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