

IOWA TRIBAL COURT

Government operations of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma are strengthened by the enhancement of its programs through tribal, legislative and judicial methods, which are 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 assured 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.

The Tribal Court staff consists of the following: Lisa Otipoby-Herbert, District Court Judge; Charles H. Tripp, Attorney General/Prosecutor; Sherman Murray, Public Defender; and Rebecca Thompson, Court Administrator/Court Clerk. The Iowa Tribe Supreme Court is made up of three Justices and one Chief Justice.

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

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