

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Invitation to Complete Siletz Tribal Court Survey

Do you want to help evaluate the Siletz Tribal Court?

An evaluation of the Siletz Tribal Court is under way by Judge Mary Deits, retired chief judge of the Oregon Court of Appeals, who has contracted to conduct an independent evaluation of the Tribal Court.

Judge Deits has prepared a survey form and is inviting anyone who has used the Siletz Tribal Court to complete the survey. It's an anonymous vehicle that Judge Deits will use as part of her evaluation of the court. **The deadline to submit the survey has been extended to April 30, 2007.**

You can get a survey form from the Tribal Court office by coming in or calling the court office at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1228, or 541-444-8228.

Surveys also are available at the post office and the Siletz Public Library.

You can submit the survey in person by bringing it to the court office at 201 SE Swan Ave., Siletz, Ore.; or by mail, Attn: Judge Deits/Court Evaluator, Siletz Tribal Court, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Tribal Court Training Invitation

by Dianne McLeod

At our first spokesperson meeting of 2007, we asked for and received some great input on what spokespersons would like in the area of training sponsored by Tribal Court. We will implement these suggestions as time and funding permit throughout the year.

We are thinking creatively on how we can make our trainings interesting, informative, inexpensive, and successful. Continuing ideas are appreciated.

Look for future training dates in *Siletz News*.

Tribal Court Invitation

TO: Siletz Tribal spokespersons and anyone interested in attending

WHAT: Training sponsored by Tribal Court

TOPIC: Title IV-E Procedure Power-Point Presentation by Chief Judge Gantenbein

WHEN: April 18, 2007, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Siletz Tribal Administration Building, Tribal Council/Court Room

WHY: To educate tribal spokespersons and the general public on procedures

Please e-mail or call me to confirm your attendance so I can plan accordingly. Thank you.

Tribal Court office: 541-444-8228 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1228. My e-mail address is diannem@ctsi.nsn.us.

Siletz Tribal Court Survey

Please circle the number by each item that best describes how you feel about the statement.

SECTION I. Survey Information

1. The court staff paid attention to my needs and was helpful1 2 3 4 5 N/A
2. The forms that I needed were clear and easy to understand1 2 3 4 5 N/A
3. I understood the court's rules and procedures1 2 3 4 5 N/A
4. The court's facilities were satisfactory1 2 3 4 5 N/A
5. The court's hours of operation made it easy for me to do my business1 2 3 4 5 N/A
6. I was able to complete my business in a reasonable time1 2 3 4 5 N/A
7. I felt safe in the courtroom1 2 3 4 5 N/A
8. I was treated with courtesy and respect by the court staff1 2 3 4 5 N/A
9. I used the court's Web site and found it to be helpful1 2 3 4 5 N/A
10. I would prefer the Tribal Court was in a separate building from other tribal offices1 2 3 4 5 N/A

1-Strongly Agree 2-Agree 3-Neither Agree or Disagree 4-Disagree 5-Strongly Disagree N/A-Not Applicable

SECTION II. (Answer the remaining questions only if you appear before a judge.)

1. The court's handling of my case was fair1 2 3 4 5 N/A
2. The judge listened to my side of the story before he or she made a decision1 2 3 4 5 N/A
3. The judge understood my case before making a decision1 2 3 4 5 N/A
4. The judge made the decision in a reasonable amount of time1 2 3 4 5 N/A
5. I understood the court's decision1 2 3 4 5 N/A
6. I was treated with courtesy and respect by the judge1 2 3 4 5 N/A
7. I was treated the same as everyone else by the judge and court staff1 2 3 4 5 N/A
8. The community holds the Siletz Tribal Court in high regard1 2 3 4 5 N/A
9. The interpreter that I used did a good job of assisting me1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Please check the box below that best describes your situation.

SECTION III. Background Information

What type of case do you have in the Siletz Tribal Court?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gaming | <input type="checkbox"/> Restraining Order | <input type="checkbox"/> ICW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garnishment | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

What did you do at the court today?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Search court records | <input type="checkbox"/> File papers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request copies | <input type="checkbox"/> Appear as a witness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney representing a client | <input type="checkbox"/> Spokesperson representing a client |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement or social service staff appearance |

How often do you come to the Tribal Court?

- First time here
 Once a year
 Several times a year

How do you identify yourself?

- Member of Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
 Member of other tribe
 Non-Indian

What is your gender?

- Male
 Female

SECTION IV. Comments

Do you have any further comments or suggestions about the operation of the Siletz Tribal Court?
