

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court



“2020: The year we turned 30”



Judge Cynthia Kaufman Noble

Judges

- Current Judge: Cynthia Kaufman Noble
- First Judge: Lester Marston
- Total number of judges: 11

Staff

- Current Court Administrator: Lorena Rivera
- First Court Administrator: Angela Fasana
- Current Judicial Assistant: Julie Boekhoff
- First Court Clerk: Jackie Whisler
- Current Programs Coordinator: Shane Thomas
- First Programs Specialist: Andrea Korhase
- Current Records Clerk: Katherine Warren
- First Records Clerk: Devin Boekhoff



TRIBAL COURT

History:

1984: The establishment of the Tribal Court was authorized by the Tribe's Constitution, Article IV, adopted in November.

1989: The Tribal Court Ordinance is adopted. It set forth the jurisdiction and powers of the Court as well as provisions regarding Court staff.

1990: Tribal Court accepted the transfer of jurisdiction of four state cases involving Tribal children. This marked the first four cases ever filed in our Court.

2001: Tribal Court of Appeals was established.

2008: Court establishes the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program and the Peacemaker Program.

Our programs:

Tribal Member Review Board:

As a Board member, you review cases of Tribal children in the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court. You make findings and recommendations about the case to the Court and the CFS Program.

Peacemaker:

As an identified Peacemaker, you facilitate the peacemaking process, which is intended to reflect the Tribe's tradition of healing its members. As the Peacemaker, you will assist parties during the process to help them "get to the heart of the dispute" in a respectful manner.

Court Appointed Special Advocate: (CASA)

As a CASA, you will advocate for the child; investigate the situation using facts; facilitate resources, services and relationships; and monitor whether orders of the Court and plans of the CFS program are being carried out.

Indigent Defense Attorneys':

Indigent Defense Attorneys' for the Tribal Court provide legal services to families involved in child welfare cases in the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

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