

## TRIBAL JUDICIARY

Stephan M. Tourtillott-Grochowski, Chief Justice

The Menominee Tribal Court operates under the authority of Articles III and IV of the Menominee Constitution as a separate and co-equal branch of Tribal Government. Our Tribal Court is a court of general jurisdiction with appellate review. The primary role of the court is to provide judicial services on the Menominee Indian Reservation and in doing so, heard in excess of 3,000 criminal, civil, children's, family, ordinance, motor vehicle and other matters filed in Fiscal Year 2009.

The Menominee Tribal Court continues to coordinate its efforts with all service agencies on and off the Menominee Reservation. The court works closely with the Tribal Prosecutor, Tribal Police and Probation and Parole Department, Menominee Tribal Social Services, Menominee Child Support and various other Tribal, State and Federal agencies.

Court personnel consists of the following: Chief Justice, Trial Judges (2), Associate Justice (1 vacancy), Acting Clerk of Court, Deputy Clerks of Court (3), Bailiff and Office Manager.

### ANNUAL STATISTICS

	Filed	Hearings
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	1375	2187
<b>Curfew and Underage Drinking</b>	535	1248
<b>Conservation/Adult Ordinances</b>	69	84
<b>Truancy</b>	117	854
<b>Restraining Orders</b>	28	21
<b>Adult Criminal</b>	472	2167
<b>Civil**</b>	346	241
<b>Juvenile/JIPS</b>	65	257
<b>Custody</b>	10	45
<b>Adoptions/TPR's</b>	6	5
<b>Child Support/Paternity</b>	108	819
<b>Wellness</b>	17	315
<b>Extraditions</b>	63	45
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3211</b>	<b>8288</b>

\*Civil cases include Small Claims, Civil, Divorce, Probate, Relinquishments, Name Changes, Guardianships and Commitments.

\*\*Includes Order to Show Cause (OTSC), Motions, Capias, Bench Warrants, Reviews, Status Hearings, Temporary Physical Custody (TPC), Sanctions, Initial Appearances, Trials, etc.

### FINANCIAL

Revenues		Tribal Allocations	
FY2008	\$134,534	\$305,642	Courts Supplement
		\$ 59,259	Professional Fees
FY2009	\$165,389	\$434,618	Courts Supplement
		\$ 63,407	Professional Fees

## GOALS

One of the courts' longstanding goals has been to automate the court records. When the court received a Tribal Court Assistance Program (TCAP) grant in 2006, our goal became attainable. Thankfully the Tribal Legislature via the Budget and Finance committee approved our requested budget. Thus we were able to hire a full-time JustWare Coordinator to continue to work with the Court, Probation and Parole and the Tribal Prosecutor.

## PROBLEMS

- Associate Justice Vacancy

## GENERAL STATEMENT

Judicial Services has fulfilled requirements within the Indian Civil Rights Act and Menominee Tribal Constitution and By-Laws.