

# Essential Skills for Tribal Court Judges

Aug 26 - 29, 2025

Puyallup, WA

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tue - Thu

8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Fri

Tuition: \$1,299 | Conf. Fee: \$399  
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## Course Description

This course assists tribal court judges in developing the basic skills necessary to preside over criminal and civil matters in tribal court. It will develop or improve your essential skills, even if you have long served in the tribal courts. Taught by tribal judges, the course addresses the issues and challenges of adjudicating conflicts in tribal communities, from tribal court jurisdiction and preliminary rulings, through trial (evidence) and final adjudication (alternative sentencing). It discusses the role of tradition and custom in tribal court proceedings, and prepares you to write clear and well-reasoned decisions. It helps you establish and maintain rules of court appropriate for tribal jurisdictions.

## Special Benefit: Washington Tribal Warrants Act

This course is being held in collaboration with the Washington Tribal-State Court Consortium and its meeting on Friday, August 29 at the same location. The course and the meeting will address the new Washington Tribal Warrants Act, which requires State officers to provide enforcement of tribal court warrants, under certain conditions. Participants must participate fully in the course and meeting to receive a certificate of completion.

## What is included with the tuition and conference fee?

Tuition includes all in person materials and access to digital materials. The mandatory conference fee provides for all breakfasts and lunches.

Register:  
[judges.org/test2025](https://judges.org/test2025)

## Learning Objectives

- Outline appropriate jurisdictional boundaries for both criminal and civil cases in Indian Country.
- Take the necessary steps to issue enforceable warrants and protection orders.
- Evaluate and rule on admissibility of testimonial and documentary evidence in criminal and civil cases.
- Evaluate the role of tradition and custom in tribal court proceedings.
- Establish and maintain rules of court that are appropriate for your own jurisdiction.

This course qualifies for The National Judicial College Certificate in Judicial Development program Tribal Judicial Skills discipline.

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The National Judicial College admits participants of any age, race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, disability or limited English proficiency.

\*Estimated credits are subject to change based upon final agenda provided on start date of course.