



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Court**

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JANUARY 2024 COURT DOCKET

(Subject to changes and additions)

JUDGE SHERIGAN

January 4

10:00 a.m. Guardianship Matter – Closed Hrg. 22-203-GN
Tribal Court

1:30 p.m. LRBOI v. Redner – Pretrial Hrg. 23-218-TM
Zoom Hearing

January 11

11:00 a.m. LRBOI v. Sawmick – Sentencing Hrg. 23-188-TM
Zoom Hearing

1:30 p.m. LRBOI v. McKinnon – PreTrial Hrg. 23-216-DV
Zoom Hearing

January 12

10:30 a.m. Neglect/Abuse Matter – Closed Hrg. 21-502-NA
Zoom Hearing

January 25

10:00 a.m. Guardianship Matter – Closed Hrg. 22-170-DD
Zoom Hearing

JUDGE LAPORTE

January 3

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| 10:00 a.m. | Pontiac v. Guess – Bench Trial <i>Tribal Court</i> | 23-094-GC |
| 11:00 a.m. | Chapman & Puflett v. Housing Dept. & Housing Commission – Motion Hearing <i>Zoom Hearing</i> | 23-115-GC |
| 1:30 p.m. | Mackety v. Mackety – Status Conference <i>Zoom Hearing</i> | 23-205-DM |

January 8

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| 9:00 a.m. | Myers v. Myers – Motion Hrg. <i>Zoom Hearing</i> | 17301DM |
| 10:00 a.m. | LRBOI v. Cantu – Pretrial Hrg. <i>Zoom Hearing</i> | 23-239-TM |
| 11:00 a.m. | In re: K. Smith – Pretrial Hrg. <i>Zoom Hearing</i> | 23-183-DP |

APPELLATE COURT
JUSTICES POPE, DARROW and CRAMPTON

January 5

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| 2:00 p.m. | Tribal Council v. Ogema & Prosecutor – Oral Arguments, Motion for Partial Stay <i>Zoom Hearing</i> | 23-232-AP |
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Case Type Key:

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| AA | Adult Adoption | FJ | Foreign Judgment |
| AM | Adoption of Minor | GA | Gaming Appeal |
| AP | Appeal | GC | General Civil |
| CM | Custody of Minor | GN | Guardianship of Incapacitated Adult |
| CN | Conservator | GM | Guardianship of Minor |
| CO | Cora Offense/Conservation | JC | Judicial Complaint |
| CS | Child Support | JV | Juvenile |
| CT | Civil Ticket | LT | Landlord Tenant |
| DM | Divorce with children | NC | Name Change |
| DO | Divorce w/o children | NA | Neglect Abuse |
| DP | Domestic Paternity | PF | Probate |
| DV | Domestic Violence | PP | Personal Protection |
| EA | Enrollment Appeal | SA | Service Authorization |
| EB | Election Board Appeal | TM | Tribal Misdemeanor |
| EM | Employment Matter | TA | Trust Access |
| FSJ | Foreign Support Judgment | WC | Worker's Compensation |

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<https://shorturl.at/foyBY>



TO VIEW ZOOM HEARINGS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING:

Meeting ID: 634 101 8204

Pass Code: 734592

Join Hearing via PC:

Enter the following link in your web browser: bit.ly/3x9OFDI

OR Go to Zoom.us in your web browser and click "Join"

Use Meeting ID & Pass Code listed above

Join Hearing via Apple or Android device:

Download the Zoom app from your phone's app store

OR Go to Zoom.us on your phone's web browser

Use Meeting ID & Pass Code listed above

Join Hearing via Telephone:

Call in Number: 1-929-436-2866

Use Meeting ID & Pass Code listed above

(If prompted for a Participant Code, press the # key.)



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TRIBAL COURT POLICY FOR VIRTUAL HEARINGS

- Effective October 2, 2023, the Tribal Court will utilize Liberty Virtual Court (LVC) for all virtual hearings. All open hearings will be livestreamed at the website listed on the court docket.
- The virtual hearing is an official court proceeding and therefore an extension of the court room. Appropriate conduct and attire are required.
- The judge has the same authority over the virtual court participants as if they were physically present in the courtroom, including the authority to hold someone in contempt of court.
- Photography, recording or broadcasting of any hearing is strictly prohibited.
(*Rules of Civil Procedure, CR 4.015*)
- Parties and witnesses must appear by video. If you do not have video capability, please obtain approval from the court prior to the hearing to attend without video.
- Parties will receive instructions on how to log in to VLC. Parties are advised to take time prior to the hearing to become familiar with VLC and to connect to the hearing early as there is no guarantee they will be admitted to the hearing after it has begun.
- Upon logging in to VLC, parties will be placed in a “Lobby” until the Judge is ready to begin the proceedings. Once the hearing has begun, all parties will be moved into the “Gallery” and a request to begin “Conferencing” will be sent to the parties. Parties should approve this request in order to actively participate in the hearing.
- Remote participants must use a private and quiet room that will be free from interruptions. Avoid rooms with bright windows or back lighting.
- Any messages or conversations not a part of the official court proceeding between the client and the attorney should take place outside the virtual courtroom. A request can be made to the Judge to enter a “Breakout Room.”
- The court does not provide technical assistance for testing or troubleshooting.