



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

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**NOTICE:  
THE TRIBAL COURT NOW UTILIZES LIBERTY VIRTUAL COURT FOR ITS  
VIRTUAL COURT HEARINGS.  
TO VIEW A LIVESTREAM OF OPEN HEARINGS, PLEASE GO TO THE  
FOLLOWING WEBSITE:**

<https://shorturl.at/foyBY>



*\*All hearings are public except for hearings titled "Closed Hrg."*

**Please see the Tribal Court Policy for Virtual Hearings at the end of this docket.**

**NOVEMBER 2023 COURT DOCKET**

*(Subject to changes and additions)*

**JUDGE SHERIGAN**

November 2

11:00 a.m.	LRBOI v. Sawmick – PreTrial/Motion Hrg. <i>Virtual Court</i>	23-188-TM
1:30 p.m.	Romanelli v. Crampton – Final Pretrial Hrg. <i>Virtual Court</i>	23-097-GC
2:00 p.m.	Guardianship Matter – Closed Hrg. <i>Virtual Court</i>	12035GM
3:00 p.m.	LRBOI v. Bryant – Probation Violation Hrg. <i>Zoom Hearing</i>	21-590-TM

November 3

10:00 a.m. Romanelli v. Tribal Council, Bordeaux, & Pringle - 23-175-GC  
Closed Hrg.  
*Virtual Court*

1:30 p.m. Guardianship Matter – Closed Hrg. 23-223-GN  
*Tribal Court*

November 16

10:00 a.m. LRBOI v. Knapp – Sentencing Hrg. 23-129-DV  
*Tribal Court*

2:00 p.m. LRBOI v. McKinnon – Pretrial Hrg. 23-216-DV  
*Tribal Court*

3:30 p.m. Guardianship Matter – Closed Hrg. 22-243/244-GM  
*Virtual Court*

November 17

10:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse Matter – Closed Hrg. 21-502-NA  
*Zoom Hearing*

1:30 p.m. Guardianship Matter – Closed Hrg. 22-223-GN  
*Tribal Court*

November 30

10:00 a.m. Hamilton v. Chouinard – Review Hrg. 17078CM  
*Virtual Court*

11:00 a.m. LRBOI v. Sawmick – Pretrial Hrg. 23-188-TM  
*Virtual Court*

1:30 p.m. Guardianship Matter – Closed Hrg. 14088PF  
*Virtual Court*

2:30 p.m. LRBOI v. Champagne – Final PT Hrg. 22040TM  
*Virtual Court*

**JUDGE LAPORTE**

November 21

9:00 a.m. Sigourney v. Sigourney – Pretrial Hrg. 23-174-DO  
*Virtual Court*

10:00 a.m. Pontiac v. Guess – Review Hrg. 23-094-GC  
*Virtual Court*

11:00 a.m.	Mezeske v. Mezeske – Motion Hrg. <i>Virtual Court</i>	19344DO
1:00 p.m.	Brauker v. Stone – Pretrial/Motion Hrg. <i>Virtual Court</i>	23-160-GC
<u>November 28</u>		
10:00 a.m.	Mackety v. Mackety – Pretrial Hrg. <i>Virtual Court</i>	23-205-DM
1:00 p.m.	Brauker v. Stone – Bench Trial <i>Tribal Court</i>	23-160-GC

**APPELLATE COURT**  
**JUSTICES POPE, DARROW and CRAMPTON**

\*No hearings scheduled at this time.

**Case Type Key:**

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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### **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.