



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

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**TRIBAL COURT POLICY FOR VIRTUAL HEARINGS**

- Photography, recording or broadcasting of any hearing is strictly prohibited. (*Rules of Civil Procedure, CR 4.015*)
- 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.
- 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 the virtual hearing. Parties are advised to take time prior to the hearing to become familiar with the virtual platform that is being used for the hearing and to connect to the hearing early as there is no guarantee they will be admitted to the hearing after it has begun.
- Those who wish to view the hearing but are not a party to the case must use the livestream options provided by the Court, if available. If you are not a party to the case, you will not be admitted to 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.