THE JUDICIAL COURT OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION In Re: AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RULES OF PRACTICE, RULE 5** No.: 2024-14 The Court amends and updates the Tohono O'odham General Rules of Practice, Rule 5, as noted in red below. These changes clarify the requirements for the filing of any motion with the Court. This Order hereby supersedes and rescinds any conflicting procedures and is effective June 28, 2024. Date: June 2, 2024 Rene Alcoverde, Jr., Chief Judge

Rule 5. Filings; Motion Practice.

(a) Filings. All filed documents must be signed in blue or black ink and filed at least 3 days before any hearing. A judge may accept and address a filing at the hearing but is not obligated to do so. The Court may, for good cause shown, grant a short recess to allow for a document to be filed.

(b) Motions Requirements.

- (1) Generally. An application to the Court for an order must be by motion which, unless made during a hearing or trial, must be in writing, state the specific grounds for granting the motion, and set forth the relief or order sought.
- (2) Supporting Memorandum. All motions must have a memorandum setting forth the reasons for granting the motion, with citations to the specific parts or pages of supporting authorities and evidence.
- (3) Responsive and Reply Memoranda. Unless stated otherwise, an opposing party must file a responsive memorandum within 10 days after the motion and supporting memorandum are served. The moving party must file a reply memorandum within 5 days after a responsive memorandum is served. The reply memorandum must address only matters raised in the responsive memorandum.
- (4) Affidavits and Other Evidence. Affidavits and other evidence submitted to support any motion or memorandum must be filed with the motion or memorandum unless the Court orders otherwise.
- (5) *Motions in Open Court*. The Court may waive these requirements for motions made in open court
- **(c)** Responses and Replies to Motions. Unless a different time is set by court order or any court rule, responses to motions must be filed within 10 days of service of the motion. Replies must be filed within 5 days of service of the response.
- **(d) Failure to Respond.** If a party fails to respond to a motion within 10 days without good cause, the Court will accept the motion as uncontested.