

1 **IN THE JUDICIAL COURT OF THE TOHONO O’ODHAM NATION**

2 **STATE OF ARIZONA**

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4 **IN RE:**)

5 **TOHONO O'ODHAM JUDICIAL**)
6 **BRANCH LEGAL PRACTITIONER**)
7 **MEETINGS**)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No.: 2024-01

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9 Under Canon 5 of the Canons of Conduct for Judges of the Tohono O’odham Nation,
10 judges may engage in activities to improve the law, the legal system, and the administration of
11 justice. In an effort to facilitate communication on the administration of justice and the Tohono
12 O’odham legal system, the Court will continue holding legal practitioner meetings on a
13 quarterly basis.

14 To ensure compliance with the Canons of Conduct for Judges, Code of Ethics for
15 Attorneys and Advocates, and Canons of Conduct for Judicial Employees, the Court
16 implements the following guidelines for the legal practitioner meetings. These guidelines will
17 be read at the beginning of each legal practitioner meeting.

- 18 1. The legal practitioner meeting is a venue to discuss how to improve the Tohono
19 O’odham legal system and the administration of justice.
20 2. To meet those goals, the Court is providing a venue for people to communicate openly
21 and freely with the judiciary on administrative issues and procedural issues.
22 3. Discussing any pending case is strictly prohibited.
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4. Everyone must focus their discussion on matters concerning the general administration of justice (administrative and procedural issues).
5. The meetings are open to the public.
6. Everyone must comply with the applicable ethical rules. Everyone must follow these guidelines, and members of the public will be expected to comply with the Code of Ethics for Attorneys and Advocates for the Tohono O’odham Nation when participating in the meeting.
7. In order to promote candor, the meetings will not be recorded.
8. One person talks at a time. There is no cross-talk. Cross-talk is when two people engage in conversation excluding all others.
9. The Chief Judge, Deputy Chief Judge, and the Court’s Special Counsel will lead the meeting.

The Court expects to continue holding the legal practitioner meeting on a quarterly basis. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Court’s Special Counsel, Christina Rinnert, at (520) 383-6300 or Christina.Rinnert@tonation-nsn.gov.

This Order hereby supersedes and rescinds any and all conflicting procedures and is effective January 11, 2024.

Dated and entered January 11, 2024.



Chief Judge Rene Alcoverde, Jr.