

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.: 2022-02**

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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 is re-initiating the legal practitioner meetings.<sup>1</sup>

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

- 17 1. The legal practitioner meeting is a venue to discuss how to improve the Tohono  
18 O'odham legal system and the administration of justice.
- 19 2. To meet those goals, the Court is providing a venue for people to communicate openly  
20 and freely with the judiciary on administrative issues and procedural issues.
- 21 3. Discussing any pending case is strictly prohibited.

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23 <sup>1</sup> The Court started the legal practitioner meetings in the early-2000s. During the Covid pandemic, the Court  
24 discontinued the legal practitioner meetings.  
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- 1 4. Everyone must focus their discussion on matters concerning the general administration
- 2 of justice (administrative and procedural issues).
- 3 5. The meetings are open to the public.
- 4 6. Everyone must comply with the applicable ethical rules. Everyone must follow these
- 5 guidelines, and members of the public will be expected to comply with the Code of
- 6 Ethics for Attorneys and Advocates for the Tohono O'odham Nation when
- 7 participating in the meeting.
- 8 7. In order to promote candor, the meetings will not be recorded.
- 9 8. One person talks at a time. There is no cross-talk. Cross-talk is when two people
- 10 engage in conversation excluding all others.
- 11 9. The Chief Judge, Deputy Chief Judge, and the Court's Special Counsel will lead the
- 12 meeting.

13 The Court schedules the first legal practitioner meeting on **October 25, 2022 at**  
14 **2:30pm**. The Court expects to hold the legal practitioner meeting on a quarterly basis. If you  
15 have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Court's Special Counsel,  
16 Christina Rinnert, at (520) 383-6334 or by email [Christina.Rinnert@tonation-nsn.gov](mailto:Christina.Rinnert@tonation-nsn.gov).

17 This Order hereby supersedes and rescinds any and all conflicting procedures and is  
18 effective October 14, 2022.

19 Dated and entered October 11, 2022.

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23 Chief Judge Kyle Fields