



WELCOME TO THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA

We are happy to help you if we can.

However, we are allowed to assist you only in certain ways, since we must be fair to everyone.

Below you will find a list of some things that the Tribal Court Staff can and cannot do for you

The Tribal Court Staff **CAN**;

- Explain and answer questions about how the Tribal Court works.
- Provide you with the number of a local lawyer referral service, legal services program, family law facilitator program, and other services where you can get legal information.
- Give you general information about Tribal Court Rules, procedures and practices.
- Provide court schedules and information on how to get a case scheduled.
- Provide you information from your case file.
- Provide you with Tribal Court Forms and instructions that are available.
- Usually answer questions about Tribal Court deadlines and how to compute them.

The Tribal Court Staff **CANNOT**;

- Tell you whether or not you should bring your case to Tribal Court.
- Tell you what words to use in your court papers (We can check your papers for completeness and if your papers conform to Tribal Court Rules.)
- Tell you what to say in Tribal Court
- Give you an opinion about what will happen if you bring your case to Tribal Court.
- Talk to the judge for you.
- Let you talk to the judge outside of Tribal Court.
- Change an Order signed by a judge.

Since Tribal Court Staff may not know the answers to all questions about Tribal Court Rules, procedures and practices, and do not want to give you the wrong information; we have been instructed not to answer questions if we do not know the correct answers.

For additional information, please contact a lawyer or your local law library.

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