



# Judicial Council of California

Tribal Court–State Court Forum

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## TRIBAL COURT–STATE COURT FORUM

### MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

February 13, 2025

12:15-1:15 p.m.

Virtual

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<b>Advisory Body Members Present:</b>	Hon. Abby Abinanti, Cochair, Hon. Joyce Hinrichs, Cochair, Hon. Lucy Armendariz, Hon. Yvette Ayala Henderson, Hon. Richard Blake, Ms. Laila DeRouen, Hon. Leonard Edwards, Hon. Ana Espana, Hon. Christopher Haug, Hon. Lawrence King, Hon. Patricia Lenzi, Hon. Kristina Lindquist, Hon. Nicholas Mazanec, Hon. April Olson, Hon. Victorio Shaw, Hon. Dean Stout, Hon. Alison Tucher, Hon. Juan Ulloa, Hon. Christine Williams, Hon. Zeke Zeidler.
<b>Advisory Body Members Absent:</b>	Hon. Michele Fahley, Hon. Devin Flesher, Hon. Winston Keh, Ms. Merri Lopez-Keifer, Hon. Dorothy McLaughlin, Ms. Andrea Pella, Hon. Stephen Place, Hon. Mark Ralphs, Ms. Christina Snider-Ashtari.
<b>Others Present:</b>	Ms. Deanna Adams, Ms. Vida Castaneda, Ms. Charli Depner, Ms. Audrey Fancy, Ms. Ann Gilmour, Ms. Jessica Henderson, Hon. Joan Irion, Ms. Christy Simons.

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### OPEN MEETING

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#### Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. and took roll call.

#### Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the December 12, 2024, Tribal Court–State Court Forum meeting. Motion to approve by Judge Dean Stout, seconded by Judge Richard Blake.

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS (ITEMS 1–4)

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#### Item 1

##### Cochair Report

Judge Abby Abinanti updated the committee on the 'We're Better Together' ICWA collaborative grant with the Administration for Children and Families. The project aims to address administrative gaps, hire staff to improve court systems, and collect data to ensure long-term sustainability. Judge Joyce Hinrichs added that the goal is to create a model that other courts can adapt to. While the grant focuses on family wellness courts, she believes the system can be expanded to other courts.

#### Item 2

##### Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee SB 910 and Standards of Judicial Administration

Ms. Deanna Adams shared that the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory committee is updating court standards under SB 910, which requires treatment courts to follow best practices. They're revising outdated drug diversion standards and incorporating new All Rise guidelines. The revisions will be open for public comment in mid-April and are expected to be finalized by January 2026, though pending legislation may alter the timeline.

**Item 3**

**Center for Indigenous Law & Justice, University of California Berkley School of Law**

Ms. Ann Gilmour shared that Ms. Mary Lopez Kiefer has left her role at the Attorney General's Office and is now heading an Indigenous law program at UC Berkeley.

**Item 4**

**Self Help Guide Webpage on Registration and Enforcement of Tribal Court Orders**

Ms. Ann Gilmour shared with the committee an update about a new page on the Judicial Council's website that helps with registering and enforcing tribal court orders. The page compiles resources on topics like money judgments, conservatorship, child custody, and domestic violence orders. It aims to assist in navigating existing processes, which were previously difficult to find. Ms. Ann Gilmour also requested feedback on the page's content and suggestions for improvement, such as adding resources on "comity" and making the site easier to find on the main court website.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on April 10, 2025.