

TRIBAL COURT
FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY

In the Matter of:

Establishing Law
Applicable in the
Potawatomi Tribal Courts

Rules of the Court
Order Number 10
May 29, 1997

By Virtue of the Authority Invested in the Court Under Section 1.04 of the Forest County Tribal Court Code, the Following Is Hereby Promulgated as Rule of the Court, Order Number 10, Law Applicable in the Forest County Tribal Courts effective this date:

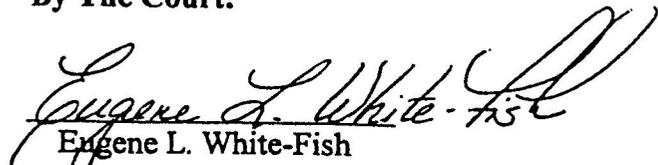
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The sovereign status of the Forest County Potawatomi Community gives it the right and authority to adopt substantive and procedural laws best suited to meet the needs of the Community. Where there is no Forest County Potawatomi Community Law or Tribal Law as defined in Section 1.02C of the Tribal Court Code, the Court is not bound to follow state or federal precedent or rules but may shape the law to be followed in cases before it, taking into consideration the cultural, social, economic and political traditions of the Tribe, the Tribal Constitution and the Indian Civil Rights Act, 25 U. S. C. 1302.

If there is no Tribal Court precedent, Tribal Ordinance or Tribal history in point on the legal issue before the Court, the Court may formulate legal principles that are based upon sound reason and logic. In so doing, the Court may look to the law of other Indian Tribes, as well as state law and federal law for guidance in shaping substantive and procedural law to be applied. Parties may submit to the Court a statement of their position on the law to be applied to the case.

Dated this 29th day of May, 1997

By The Court:


Eugene L. White-Fish
Presiding Judge