

FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI TRIBAL COURT

In re the Adoption of Court Rule 15

Assignment of Cases

Dated: March 17, 2006

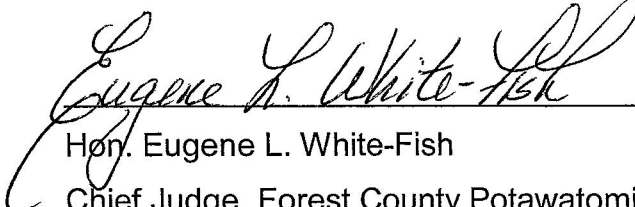
Pursuant to its power under Sec. 1.04 of the Tribal Court Code the Court hereby orders as follows:

Court Rule 15 Assignment of Cases

- 1) The Chief Judge shall have the discretion to assign cases in a fair and equitable manner adhering as closely as is practical to the following guidelines:
 - a. Cases will be assigned randomly when practical;
 - b. Specific cases may be re-assigned to a different judge when it is evident a conflict is present;
 - c. Once a case is assigned, that case will stay with the judge unless a substitution is required by the rules or the judge is unavailable due to illness, resignation or death;
 - d. Cases that share issues or parties may be grouped together in the interests of justice and judicial economy;
 - e. The volume of a judge's caseload may be adjusted depending on the availability of the judge and his or her experience and skill level.
- 2) When a case has been filed, given a case number and the filing fee has been received by the Clerk of Court, the case is ready for assignment.
- 3) Any questions or issues relating to a case before filing, after filing and before assignment shall be addressed by the Chief Judge.
- 4) When a judge is prevented from presiding by virtue of disqualification, illness or absence, the case shall be randomly assigned to one of the remaining available tribal judges. If no tribal judges are available a

substitute judge shall be sought in accordance with Section 1.03(M) and Court Rule 16.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2006



Hon. Eugene L. White-Fish
Chief Judge, Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court