

TRIBAL COURT
FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY

In the Matter of:

Court Commissioners
In the Forest County
Potawatomi Tribal Courts

Rules of the Court
Order Number 9
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 9, Court Commissioners in the Forest County Tribal Courts, effective this date:

**Creation of Court
Commissioner Positions**

Section 1.03C of the Tribal Court Code provides that the Forest County Potawatomi Tribal Court shall consist of a Chief Judge and one or more Associate Judge(s) as elected by the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe, and other judicial officers as may be appointed by the Forest County Executive Council.

The Presiding Judge of the Tribal Court has determined that there is a need for the appointment of judicial officers designated as Court Commissioners to assist the Court in the conduct of its business.

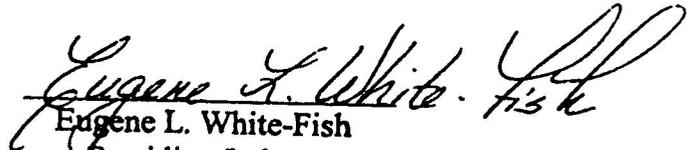
The Tribal Court Commissioners shall be persons learned in the law, preferably attorneys, who will act under the direction and control of the Chief Judge or Associate Judge to whom they are assigned to hear complex cases, conduct trials and other hearings and conferences with the parties and their attorneys or Tribal Court Advocates, administer oaths, take testimony and create records of proceedings with exhibits, and prepare recommended Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Judgments or Orders which shall be submitted to the Judge to whom the Court Commissioner is assigned for approval, disapproval or modification. When approved or modified and signed by the Judge, they shall stand as Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgments or Orders of the Trial Court. Court Commissioners may request the Judge to whom they are assigned to issue and enforce such Orders as are necessary for the conduct of proceedings before the Commissioner.

**Appointment, Terms and
Compensation**

Recommendations for persons to serve as Court Commissioners will be made to the Executive Council by the Presiding Judge. He will also recommend the length of the term of office for such Commissioners and their rate of compensation, which shall be set by the Executive Council at the time of the appointment of any Commissioner. The Presiding Judge may discharge any Court Commissioner at any time, with or without cause, and such discharge shall be final and not subject to review or appeal.

Dated this 29th day of May, 1997

By The Court:


Eugene L. White-Fish
Presiding Judge