

**APPLICATION TO PRACTICE LAW  
BEFORE THE  
PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT**

*P.O. Box 257  
221 Nixon Hwy 447  
Nixon, Nevada 89424*

**APPLICATION  
FEE:  
\$75 annually  
or  
\$10 per case  
(1x per year)**

Practicing Attorney  Advocate  
 Annual  One Time

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**Practicing Attorneys:**

1. Office/Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Cell Fax

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

State(s) in which you are licensed to practice:  
\_\_\_\_\_

State Bar Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently in good standing with the State Bar?  Yes  No  
(Please attach a copy of a Certificate of Good Standing or other appropriate documentation).

If not please Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**Identify all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and dates of admission.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been admitted to practice before this Court? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Advocates:**

**Physical Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Home/Business      Cell      Fax

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a federally recognized Tribe? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, what tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Employment/Profession:** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been admitted to practice before this Court? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Identify all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and dates of admission.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Identify three responsible people who are not related to you who are in a position to attest to your character and fitness to practice law.**

	Name	Address	Phone	Occupation
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING**

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If so, list each conviction including the initial charges if different, and submit a copy of the arrest report and all other documents relevant to your conviction.

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**Are there any pending criminal charges against you?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If so, list each charge and submit a copy of the arrest report and all other documents relevant to the pending charge(s).

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**Have you ever been held in contempt of court, censured, disbarred, or suspended from practice before any disciplinary authority or court?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If so, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If admitted, would you like to have your name placed on a Court-maintained Attorney/Advocate List?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**I swear or affirm that the above information is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public for:

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

# AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ being duly sworn, state that:

(Please Initial)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I am the applicant named in the foregoing application for admission to practice law in the courts of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court;
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and am familiar with the Pyramid Lake Law and Order Code and rules of the Court.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I fully realize that the determination of whether I may be allowed to practice law in the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court is at the discretion of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court Chief Judge;
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and am familiar with the Constitution of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Tribal Codes and Court Rules which have been adopted consistent with the federal Indian Law principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determination, and which are relevant to the cases I will be appearing before the Tribal Court;
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I give the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Court my permission and the authority to investigate any and all information in the foregoing application so that it may better determine if I am suitable to practice law in the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court;
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my obligation to furnish complete and accurate information in connection with this application is a continuing one and accordingly, should anything occur or be discovered between the time this application is submitted and the time I am admitted which would change or render incomplete any portion of the information furnished in or in connection to this application, I will promptly notify Tribal Court and furnish the necessary information to correct or complete my application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public for: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMISSION TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT IS HEREBY:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **GRANTED**

\_\_\_\_\_ **DENIED**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Tribal Judge, Pyramid Lake Tribal Court

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Code of Ethics

## For the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court of Nevada

A fair and independent court system is essential to the administration of Justice for the Pyramid Lake Tribe, its People and its Communities. Proper conduct of court staff inspires public confidence and trust in the court, and conveys the values of impartiality, equity, and fairness that bring integrity to the court's work. To advance these values and to achieve justice we believe in certain moral principles should govern all that we do. We therefore commit ourselves to:

- Tenet One**            Provide Impartial and evenhanded treatment of all persons;
- Tenet Two**            Demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, honesty, and truthfulness in our entire professional and personal dealings, avoiding the misuse of court time, equipment, supplies, or facilities for personal business;
- Tenet Three**          Behave toward all persons with respect, courtesy, and responsiveness, always to public esteem in the court system;
- Tenet Four**           Safeguard confidential information, both written and oral, unless disclosure is authorized by the court. Refusing ever to use such information for personal advantage, and abstain at all times from public comment about pending court proceedings, except for strictly procedural matters;
- Tenet Five**           Refrain from any actual impropriety, such as:  
                              Breaking the law,  
                              Soliciting funds on the job,  
                              Receiving gifts or favors related to court employment,  
                              Accepting outside employment that conflicts with this courts duties, or  
                              Recommending private legal service providers;
- Tenet Six**             Avoid any appearance of impropriety that might diminish the honor and dignity of the court;
- Tenet Seven**          Serve the Public by providing procedural assistance that is as helpful as possible without giving legal advice;
- Tenet Eight**          Furnish accurate information as requested in a competent, cooperative, and timely manner;
- Tenet Nine**           Improve personal work skills and performance through continuing professional education and development;
- Tenet Ten**            Guard against and, when necessary, repudiate any act of discrimination or bias based on race, gender, age, religion, national origin, language, appearance, or sexual orientation;

**Tenet Eleven**            Renounce any use of positional or personal power to harass another person sexually or in any other way based on that persons religious beliefs, political affiliation, age, national origin, language, appearance, or personal choices and characteristics; and

**Tenet Twelve**            Protect the technology property of the court by preserving the confidentiality of electronically stored information and abstain from personal use of court computer systems and hardware.

A code of ethics cannot possibly anticipate every moral dilemma and ethical choice that may arise in the execution of one's day-to-day professional responsibilities. Personal discretion in the interpretation of this Code of Ethics is both necessary and desirable. We who believe will continue to try to cultivate within ourselves the moral sensibilities that will inform and enliven our consciences and make us true servants of justice.

*I, the undersigned have read and understand the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court Code of Ethics.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Approved by the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council on April 18, 2008.*