



# AVCP

## Tribal Justice Department

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Mission: To provide training and technical assistance  
To the 56 member tribes of the Yukon-Kuskokwim  
Delta.

The Tribal Justice Department works closely with Member Tribes to enhance, develop, implement and re-establish Tribal Court systems by providing guidance, support, and training.



## AVCP Tribal Justice Staff

Rick A. Garcia, Esquire – Director  
Denise Nerby – Assistant Director  
Heather Kanuk – Program Coordinator  
Winter Montgomery, Esquire - Attorney



## What Services Do We Provide?

1. Assists in the drafting and writing of Tribal Codes
2. Provides Technical Assistance to AVCP Member Tribes
3. Provides training opportunities for Staff and Judges throughout the year
4. Helps to identify and promote funding opportunities for Tribal Courts
5. Help to promote community wellness through Circle Sentencing Healing Circles



## Tribal Codes/Ordinances

1. Maintain a database of “Model” codes that can be customized to individual Tribe needs
2. TJD Director/Attorney can review codes drafted by Tribes to ensure they do not conflict with State/Federal laws
3. TJD Director/Attorney can assist in the drafting and/or review of Codes/Ordinances for member Tribes



## What Does Technical Assistance Look Like?

1. Assist Tribal Courts and Administrators with guidance and support questions and real-time support for Tribal Court and Judges
2. Assist Tribal Courts with orders and forms – maintain a database of sample orders and forms that can be shared and customized based upon needs of Tribal Courts



## What Does Technical Assistance Look Like?

3. Provides on-site and regional technical assistance and training and sample templates of court orders and forms



## Training Opportunities

The Tribal Justice Department will be hosting a 4-part Master Series Training in 2019 that will focus on the progression of a Tribal Court Case from start to finish – and will include training for all personnel from Court Administrators and Staff to Judges Training.





## Training Opportunities (continued)

**Training Part 1** – Court Setup: which will include court setup (case types and structure), Development, Case Management, Personnel Needed (training and essential staff and key roles), and Inter-Tribal Court Development and what is needed (MOA – Resolutions)

Training to be held in Bethel on April 16-17, 2019



## Training Opportunities (continued)

**Training Part 2** – Court Operations and Procedure – including pre-filing, Pendency of Case, Adjudication, and Post Adjudication order recognition

Training to be held in Bethel on May 21-22, 2019



## Training Opportunities (continued)

**Training Part 3** – Forms – including due process requirements, satisfaction of due process requirements, and jurisdictional showings

Training to be held in Bethel on September 17-18, 2019



## Training Opportunities (continued)

**Training Part 4** – Judges – including docket sheets, declination forms, Judges notes, other effective techniques and recommendations for Judges, and order formatting/structure and recommendations

Training to be held in Bethel on October 22-23, 2019



# Funding Opportunities

1. PL280 Funding – BIA
2. Tribal Court Assessment Initiative – BIA
3. CTAS – DOJ
4. Other funding/grant opportunities distributed to Tribes



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