AVCP Stablished 1964 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

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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
- 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
- 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
- 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 2020, apart from the Tribal Justice Summit that will include training for all personnel from Court Administrators and Staff to Judges Training.



Training Part 1 – Tribal Court Boot Camp: which will encompass topics from all four parts of the AVCP Tribal Justice 2019 Training Schedule. This training will touch on topics such as Tribal Court Structures, Court Operations, Court Development and Judicial Codes Roles and Ethics.

Training to be held in Bethel on May 5 - 7, 2020



Training Part 2 – Code Development and Drafting– which will focus on Different tribal codes utilized in our tribal courts as well as providing a Workshop type setting for participants to practice drafting codes.

Training to be held in Bethel on June 23-25, 2020



Training Part 3 – Tribal Court Clerk Training – including Processes and Procedures, Roles of the Tribal Court Clerk, and Summonses and Warrants

Training to be held in Bethel on September 15-17, 2020



Training Part 4 – Enhanced Judges Training – including Circle Healing And Peacemaking, reducing stress, managing the Tribal Court, Judicial Ordinances, and other effective techniques and recommendations for Judges.

Training to be held in Bethel on November 17-19, 2020



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