



# WELCOME TO THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE BLUE LAKE RANCHERIA

*We are happy to help you if we can.*

*However, we are allowed to assist you only in certain ways, since we must be fair to everyone.*

Below you will find a list of some things that the Tribal Court Staff can and cannot do for you

## The Tribal Court Staff **CAN**;

- Explain and answer questions about how the Tribal Court works.
- Provide you with the number of a local lawyer referral service, legal services program, family law facilitator program, and other services where you can get legal information.
- Give you general information about Tribal Court Rules, procedures and practices.
- Provide court schedules and information on how to get a case scheduled.
- Provide you information from your case file.
- Provide you with Tribal Court Forms and instructions that are available.
- Usually answer questions about Tribal Court deadlines and how to compute them.

## The Tribal Court Staff **CANNOT**;

- Tell you whether or not you should bring your case to Tribal Court.
- Tell you what words to use in your court papers (We can check your papers for completeness and if your papers conform to Tribal Court Rules.)
- Tell you what to say in Tribal Court
- Give you an opinion about what will happen if you bring your case to Tribal Court.
- Talk to the judge for you.
- Let you talk to the judge outside of Tribal Court.
- Change an Order signed by a judge.

Since Tribal Court Staff may not know the answers to all questions about Tribal Court Rules, procedures and practices, and do not want to give you the wrong information; we have been instructed not to answer questions if we do not know the correct answers.

For additional information, please contact a lawyer or your local law library.

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