

WHAT IS THE INDIAN LAW PROJECT?

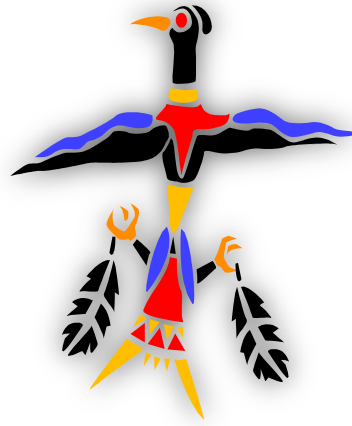
Nevada Legal Services is a private, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services to eligible low-income people and groups.

The Indian Law Project of Nevada Legal Services, based out of the Reno office, represents Nevada's Native American tribes and their members in a range of issues.

TRIBAL REPRESENTATION

Nevada Legal Services can act as the tribal attorney for tribes that meet our group eligibility requirements. In order to qualify for our services, the tribe must be: located in Nevada; lack the funds needed to retain private counsel; and have a membership and leadership primarily composed of individuals who qualify for our services.

NLS can assist eligible tribes as their "in-house" or tribal attorneys in a range of issues including: asserting sovereign immunity; jurisdictional disputes with other governments; intergovernmental agreements and memoranda of understanding; enforcing water rights; BIA contracting issues; tribal constitution and law and order code development and revision; protection of Native American children and tribes through the Indian Child Welfare Act; economic development; compliance with Native American Housing and Self Determination Act; public defender services; guidance on tribal court development; assistance and information on how to "opt into" the Tribal Law and Order Act or Violence Against Women Act; contract matters; and the applicability of general federal laws.



INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATION

Nevada Legal Services also represents tribal members on a case by case basis in a wide range of legal issues both in state and tribal courts across Nevada.

Nevada Legal Services may represent tribal members in the following matters: intervention or transfer of jurisdiction to a tribal court under the Indian Child and Welfare Act; drafting of wills in compliance with the American Indian Probate Reform Act; representation of Defendants in tribal criminal court; civil representation in tribal court; problems with a tribal housing authority or Indian Health Services; protection of your right to religious freedom; re-opening adoption records to learn about your Indian heritage under the Indian Child Welfare Act; repossession of property from a reservation without a tribal court order; garnishment of wages without a tribal court order; and other jurisdictional matters.

Our free services are possible from due to funding from the **Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Administration and the Legal Services Corporation.**

How to Apply for Help:

Call our office at 775-284-3491 or 800-323-8666. Our attorneys may be able to advise you over the telephone or schedule an appointment for an interview.

Other resources that may be of assistance to you:

In Nevada:

Bureau of Indian Affairs
702-738-0586
775-887-3500

Federal Public Defender (Reno)
775-784-5626

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (Sparks)
775-355-0600

Las Vegas Indian Center (Las Vegas)
702-647-5842

Nevada Indian Commission (Reno)
775-323-6432

Nevada State Welfare Office
800-992-0900 ext. 4760

Nevada State Equal Rights Commission (Reno)
775-789-0288

Nevada Urban Indians (Sparks)
775-356-8111

Social Security Administration (Reno)
800-772-1213

Veterans Administration (Reno)
800-827-1000

Out of State:

Native American Rights Fund
303-447-8760

Trust Beneficiary Call Center
(888) 678-6836

National Indian Justice Court
707-762-8113

National Indian Child Welfare Assoc.
503-222-4044

National Veterans Legal Services Center
202-265-8305

Resource Center on Native Americans
701-777-3766

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