

RULES GOVERNING THE ADMISSION TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE PUEBLO OF ISLETA TRIBAL COURT

These Rules are being promulgated to define standards governing the practice before the Tribal Court. To honor custom and tradition, the use of lay tribal members and descendants as Spokespersons must be expanded to include all civil, probate and criminal matters before the Court, while at the same time bringing the rules into conformity with other jurisdictions. In addition, the requirements for practice are made more uniform.

Rule 1. Attorneys.

A licensed Attorney who desires to practice before this Court must be in good standing with all other licensing authorities and shall submit to the Court an Attorney Application for Admission to Practice accompanied by a letter of good standing from the State Bar or Supreme Court of the State in which such lawyer is duly licensed to practice law and the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Court and pay a nonrefundable application fee of \$500.00 per year. Additional requirements for Attorney admission are as follows:

- (a) Must understand general principles of Pueblo law including the Pueblo of Isleta Constitution, Pueblo of Isleta Law and Order Code, POI Children's Code, Probate Code and other Pueblo Laws as applicable and Pueblo of Isleta Court Rules; and
- (b) Must know and understand Pueblo of Isleta's Court jurisdiction and the structure and function of the Pueblo Court.

Rule 2. Spokespersons.

A Spokesperson who desires to represent more than one client per year shall submit to the Court a Spokesperson Application for Admission to Practice and pay a nonrefundable application fee of \$200.00. Additional requirements for Spokesperson admission are as follows:

- (a) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (b) Must be a Pueblo of Isleta enrolled member with a census number;

- (c) Must understand general principles of Pueblo law including the Pueblo of Isleta Constitution, Pueblo of Isleta Law and Order Code, POI Children's Code, Probate Code and other Pueblo Laws as applicable and Pueblo of Isleta Court Rules;
- (d) Must know and understand Pueblo of Isleta's Court jurisdiction and the structure and function of the Pueblo Court;
- (e) Must understand general principles of Pueblo law including the Pueblo of Isleta Constitution, Pueblo of Isleta Law and Order Code, POI Children's Code, Probate Code and other Pueblo Laws as applicable and Pueblo of Isleta Court Rules; and
- (f) Must possess good moral character, be in good standing with the Pueblo of Isleta and have no felony convictions within the last 10 years.

Rule 3. Representation by Attorney or Spokesperson.

Any party to a civil, probate or criminal action shall have the right to be represented by an Attorney or Spokesperson of his/her own choice and at his/her own expense pursuant to the admission procedures set forth herein.

Rule 4. Temporary Admission.

A licensed Attorney or Spokesperson who desires to practice before this Court once per calendar year on a specific case may do so by filing a Motion in the particular case for admission *pro hac vice*. All requirements stated in Rules 1 and 2 herein apply. There shall be no charge for admission *pro hac vice*.

Rule 5. Approval or Disapproval of Application for Admission to Practice.

All applications shall be reviewed by the Chief Judge or an Associate Judge. If approved for admission, the Attorney's or Spokesperson's name shall be entered on the roster of those admitted to practice before this Court and they shall be provided with a Certificate of Admission. The authorization to practice before the Tribal Court shall be valid for one year. Thereafter, attorneys must renew their authorization to practice before the Pueblo's Judiciary by updating all information and remitting the renewal fee. If an applicant is denied Admission to Practice before the Court the applicant shall receive written notice of the denial.

Rule 6. Renewal Fee

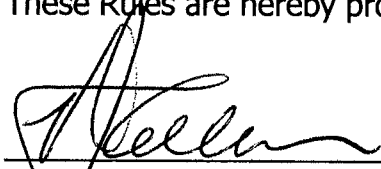
Renewal fee of \$500.00 will be due upon the approval of Admission to Practice. A renewal fee of \$500.00 will be due on the same date annually thereafter (a grace period of 30 days will be allowed). Failure to pay the renewal fee by the date due will result in removal from the Isleta Tribal Court bar.

Rule 7. Disciplinary Procedures.

Any person admitted to practice before the Court may be disciplined for violations of the Pueblo of Isleta Court Rules. Discipline Orders from other jurisdictions shall be recognized by this Court.

- a. Any complaint received regarding a practitioner shall be forwarded to the practitioner via certified mail. The practitioner shall have 20 days to respond to allegations in writing;
- b. A hearing shall be set within 20 days of receipt of practitioner's response. Any ruling made by the Court shall be set forth in an Order and made a part of the public record;
- c. Discipline may include, but is not limited to, a formal admonishment, restitution, suspension from practice or permanent disbarment from practice before this Court;
- d. All decisions regarding discipline are final and non-appealable.

These Rules are hereby promulgated this 23rd day of December, 2019.



Verna Teller, Chief Judge

Pueblo of Isleta

Appendix

Application for Admission

Oath of Admission

Certificate of Admission