

## Tribal Court State Court Forum (TCSCF)

### Quarterly Meeting Agenda

6/16/2023

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

With a dinner reception June 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Hosted by Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa at

[Grand Portage Lodge and Casino](#)

and remotely via [Zoom](#)

The purpose of the Tribal Court State Court Forum is to enhance tribal court and state court relationships, provide an opportunity to address issues arising from the courts' concurrent jurisdictions, collaborate on development and delivery of judicial education and training, recommend revisions to Minnesota's procedural rules of court, and work on issues that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

**Tribal Court Co-Chairs: Hon. Phil Brodeen and Hon. Vanya Hogen**

**State Court Co-Chairs: Hon. Denise Reilly and Hon. Korey Wahwassuck**

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| <b>1. Welcome, Blessing, and Introductions</b>  | <b>10:00 – 10:15</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and Opening Blessing</li><li>• Introductions of Forum members and special guests</li></ul>  |                      |
| <b>2. Agenda and Meeting Summary</b>  | <b>10:15 – 10:20</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of agenda</li><li>• Identification of any additional agenda items</li><li>• Review and approve March 31, 2023 meeting summary</li></ul>                      |                      |
| <b>3. Jurisdictional Sharing of Collaborative Efforts</b>   | <b>10:20 – 10:50</b> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of NNABA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</li><li>• Review of Joint Jurisdictional Conference</li><li>• State Tribal Partnership Grant Update</li></ul> |                      |



Project Overview -  
Purpose and Plans -

4. **An Overview of the Tribal Assistant Correction Agent Program** **10:50 – 11:20**

- **Presentation:** Lori Thompson, White Earth Court Administrator presents an overview of an agreement between White Earth and The Minnesota Department of Corrections on this unique collaboration



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5. **Place-based Advocacy and Judging in Rural Areas** **11:20 – 12:15**

- **Presentation:** Michele Statz, PhD  
Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Medical School  
Affiliated Faculty, University of Minnesota Law School  
Affiliated Scholar, American Bar Foundation



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6. **Lunch** (provided by Lake Superior Band of Chippewa) **12:15 – 12:45**

7. **Updates and Future Plans** **12:45 – 1:00**

- Discussion of host and location for September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting
- Topics for September 22 meeting
- Identification of future topics

8. **Tour Spirit Tree or Grand Portage National Monument Heritage Center** **1:00**

- The Spirit Tree is located 35 miles NE of Grand Marais. Also known as Little Cedar Spirit Tree or Manidoo-giizhikens, this tree grows twisted and gnarled from bare rock on the shore of Lake Superior. There are records of this tree's presence dating back over 300 years. It is considered sacred by the Ojibwe Indian Tribe, who traditionally leave tobacco at this ancient tree as an offering. This site requires a band member escort. Judge Deschampe has offered to escort those interested.
- The Grand Portage National Monument Heritage Century opened on August 10, 2007 with a commitment to honor the area's history, people, and culture. The building houses exhibit galleries about Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) culture and the fur trade, American' National Parks bookstore, and multi-media programs.