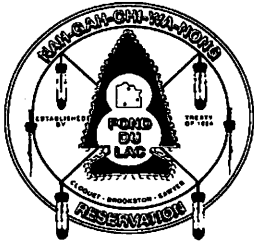


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Re: Rule 10 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice for District Courts

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, we write to you in support of the amendment to Rule 10 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice for the District Courts, as petitioned for by the Minnesota Tribal Court/State Court Forum. The amendment will support the relationship between tribal and state courts by promoting efficiency, courtesy, and respect between them.

The Fond du Lac Band has had its own tribal court for decades, and, with support from the Band's government, it has become an established and well-respected court of law. In recent years, the Band has expanded the services available, including, for example, probate, small claims, marriage and divorce, and workers' compensation. The Band also recently re-established a tribal court of appeals.

Last year the Band enacted a new and more robust full faith and credit provision to our civil code, FDL Ord. #04/92, as amended. Under this provision, foreign orders, including those from Minnesota state courts, are recognized as long as

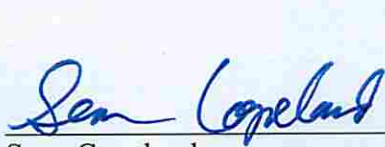
- (a) the original court had jurisdiction over both the subject matter and the parties; (b) the order, judgment, decree, or other proceeding was not

fraudulently obtained; (c) the order, judgment, decree, or other proceeding was obtained by a process that assures the requisites of an impartial administration of justice including, but not limited to, adequate notice and an opportunity to be heard; (d) the order, judgment, decree, or other proceeding complies with the laws, ordinances, and regulations of the jurisdiction from which it was obtained; and (e) the order, judgment, decree, or other proceeding does not contravene the public policy of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa or interfere with the Band's right to make its own laws and be governed by them.

These standards are very similar to the criteria proposed for Minnesota state courts to practice comity under Rule 10. The Band's tribal court judgments should receive the same respect that the Band offers the judgments from state courts.

Thank you for your consideration.

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