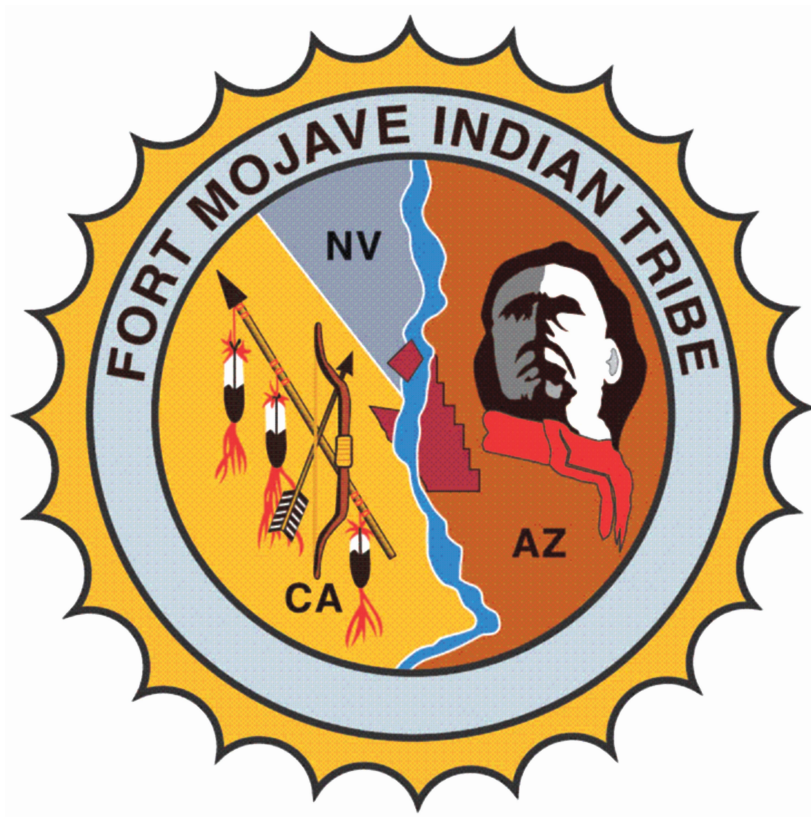


# FORT MOJAVE INDIAN TRIBE OF ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, AND NEVADA TRIBAL COURT

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## Attorney Admissions

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### Fort Mojave Tribal Court

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## Introduction

The Fort Mojave Indian Tribe (Tribe) is a sovereign Tribal Nation located in Arizona, California, and Nevada. The Fort Mojave Indian Reservation (Reservation) is located along the Colorado River in the vicinity of Needles, California. The Reservation covers nearly 42,000 acres in the tri-state area. The land is divided into three major segments: 23,669 acres in Mojave County, Arizona; 12,663 acres adjacent to Needles, California; and 5,582 acres in Clark County, Nevada. The Tribal headquarters is located in Needles, California.

The mission of the Fort Mojave Tribal Court (Tribal Court) is to discover and determine truth in legal conflicts arising within the territorial boundaries of the Reservation according to the laws that govern this Tribal Nation. By exercising the judicial powers of the Tribe, the Court implements avenues of resolution that result in fairness, repair relationships, avoid retribution, require appropriate punishment, and seek to rehabilitate and restore balance to individuals and the community.

## Requirements for Admission to Practice

The requirements for attorney admission to practice before the Tribal Court are set forth in the Fort Mojave Law Indian Tribe Law and Order Code (FMITLOC), Article I (B)§106.<sup>1</sup> Please read these requirements carefully before preparing your application packet.

## The Application and Admission Process

Candidates for admission to practice must complete the following documents:

- Completed TC Form-AAF1, Attorney Admissions Form
- Completed TC Form-AAF2, Affidavit in Support of Admission
- Completed TC Form-AAF3, Oath of Counsel

These forms, which constitute the application packet, must be submitted to the Clerk of Court at 8492 South Highway 95, Mohave Valley, Arizona 86440. Once received, the Clerk's Office will forward all information to the Chief Judge for consideration. The review and approval process typically takes 30 days.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the text of this FMITLOC section is enclosed.

Please note: These guidelines apply to all divisions within the Fort Mojave Tribal Court. In addition, attorneys seeking admission to practice *pro hac vice* before the Tribal Court for a specific case are required to follow the same procedure as those applying for regular admission to practice.

## **Taking the Oath**

No applicant shall be permitted to practice law on the Reservation unless he or she has taken the Oath of Admission, administered at an Admissions Ceremony conducted by the Clerk of Court or any Judge of the Tribal Court. Applicants approved for admission to practice will be notified by letter, which will include the date of the Admissions Ceremony.<sup>3</sup> If you fail to attend the ceremony, your application will be stricken and you will be required to resubmit the application packet. After the ceremony, the newly admitted attorney will sign the official Oath of Office Certificate maintained by the Clerk of Court.

## **Attorney Admission Fee**

Attorneys admitted to practice in the Tribal Court are required to pay an annual fee of \$145. Checks should be made payable to "Fort Mojave Tribal Court." The admission fee should be remitted with the application packet.

## **Admissions Renewal Process**

Attorneys whose admission to practice before the Tribal Court has lapsed are required to renew their membership. To remain in good standing, attorneys must send a cover letter to the Clerk's Office with their current contact information along with the annual fee of \$145. Checks should be made payable to "Fort Mojave Tribal Court."

## **Additional Questions**

Please contact the Clerk of the Tribal Court at (928) 346-5287 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Arizona Time) for additional information.

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<sup>2</sup> The Tribal Court judges, staff, employees, and agents thereof, are held harmless from all civil liability for conduct and communications occurring in the performance of their official duties relating to the examination, character and fitness determination, and admission to practice of persons seeking to be admitted to practice law in the Tribal Court. Further, civil suits may not be initiated based on any records, statements of opinion, or other information regarding an applicant for admission offered without malice by an entity – including any person, firm, or institution – to the Court and members of the staff, employees, and agents in consideration of the applicants' fitness to practice before the Tribal Court.

<sup>3</sup> If you have a conflict with the scheduled admission ceremony, contact the Clerk of Court to arrange for an alternate date.