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Court Plans Guardian ad Litem Training

On November 30, 2000 and December 1, 2000, there will be a court-sponsored guardian ad litem training open to people interested in doing guardian ad litem work for the Court. The training is free to tribal members. A guardian ad litem appearing before the Ho-Chunk Nation Courts need not be an attorney or lay advocate. The judiciary only requires that the individual successfully participate in guardian ad litem training.

A guardian ad litem performs a valuable function in children's cases (either in the Child/Family Protection or guardianship context). It is their job to interview the people involved with the case, including the child(ren), do other investigation as necessary, and provide a recommendation of what is in the best interests of the child(ren) to the Court.

Being a guardian ad litem is one way to get involved in the community and attempt to make a difference in the lives of Ho-Chunk

children. Children are the future of the Nation, and guardian ad litem assist the Court in helping these children grow up in strong, healthy families.

Guardian ad litem are eligible to (continued page 2, column 1)

Court News

- The Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court will meet on Saturday, October 14, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse. One of the things on the agenda is a discussion of the *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure* revisions, specifically Rule 30 to the end. The Supreme Court invites Ho-Chunk Nation bar members to attend and provide their insight as practitioners under the rules.



- Stephanie Littlegeorge, former Administrator of the Office of Public Advocacy, has left that position for employment in the Executive building. Her ability to assist members with Judicare applications and coverage questions will be missed. Keep an eye on the job postings if you are interested in applying for this position.
- The Court would like to extend a warm welcome to LTE Supreme Court Clerk Missy Elk. She is very ably filling this position while the Supreme Court conducts its search for a new clerk.

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receive a small stipend of \$250 per case for their efforts. They are also reimbursed for their costs such as mileage, phone calls, and copying.

If you are interested in attending the guardian ad litem training, please call Staff Attorney Katherine Kruger at 1-800-424-4070. If you know someone who might be interested, please share this information with them and encourage them to call for more information.



Recent Decisions

Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court:

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Home Ownership Program v. Mick Boardman d/b/a T & Son's General Contractors, CV 99-107 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 1, 2000). *Order (Denying Motion for Reconsideration)*.

Libby Fairchild v. Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, CV 00-55 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 5, 2000) *Order (Motion Hearing)*.

Michele M. Ferguson v. Ho-Chunk Nation Insurance Review Commission/Division of Risk Management, CV 99-20 (Sept. 5, 2000) *Opinion on Remand*. The Court found that the PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL applied to this worker's compensation case as worker's compensation is listed within the PPM as a mandatory benefit. In addition, the Court found that the claim was subject to the limited waiver of sovereign immunity, providing a mechanism to order lost wages and benefits.

Patrick O'Leary v. Ho-Chunk Casino (Slots Floor Department), CV 00-28 (Sept. 6, 2000) *Order (Motion Hearing and Partial Denial of Motion to Dismiss)*.

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice v.

Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission and Gaming Commissioners, Erv Funmaker, Angie Waege, Greg Garvin, Sharon Whitebear, in their individual and official capacities, CV 00-58 (HCN Tr., Ct., Sept. 6, 2000). *Order (Voluntary Dismissal with Prejudice)*.

Joelene Smith v. Scott Beard as Director of the Department of Education and the Ho-Chunk Nation, CV 96-94 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 6, 2000). *Motion for Reconsideration (Denied)*.

In the Interest of Minor Children: K.M. DOB 04/09/93 and L.M. DOB 01/08/92, JV 98-15 and JV 98-14 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 6, 2000). *Dispositional Order Extension*.

Rachel M. Puzon v. Ken WhiteHorse, Executive Administrative Officer and Jacob LoneTree, President, CV 00-29 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 6, 2000). *Order (Voluntary Dismissal Without Prejudice)*.

In the Matter of the Children: H.D.J., DOB: 11/25/88, S.M.J., DOB: 11/25/88, and J.D.J. Jr., DOB 12/18/86, JV 98-20, JV 98-21, and JV 98-19. *Minute Order*.

Melinda A. Lee v. Majestic Pines Casino, Marketing Department, CV 99-91 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 7, 2000). *Order (Dismissal with Prejudice)*.

Rich Sanders v. Ho-Chunk Nation Business Department, CV 99-84 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 7, 2000). *Order (Postponement of Pre-Trial Conference)*.

Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Authority v. William Goodbear, CV 00-63 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 7, 2000). *Order (Denying Motion Opposing Stay of Writ of Restitution)*.

Debra Knudson v. Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department, CV 97-70 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 8, 2000). *Notice (Intention to Close File)*.

Melissa Smith v. Paul C. Smith, CV 96-79 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 8, 2000). Order (Amending Child Support Order). The Court sua sponte amended the child support obligation of the defendant in light of the eldest child turning 19 and no longer being eligible for child support under Wisconsin law.

In the Interest of Minor Children: P.L.H., DOB 10/24/84 and E.J.H., DOB 08/28/85, JV 00-02 and JV 00-03 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 8, 2000). Order (Granting Continuance of Child Protection Review Hearing).

In the Interest of Minor Child: D.J.P., DOB 07/26/83 by *Loretta Patterson v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment*, CV 00-47 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 8, 2000). Order (Accepting Accounting).

In the Interest of Minor Child: A.J.H., DOB 09/13/81 by *Tara Snowball, v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment*, CV 00-11 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 8, 2000). Order (Accepting Accounting).

In the Interest of Brandon R. Gensler by *Murrie Gensler v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment*, CV 00-24 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 8, 2000). Order (Accepting Accounting).

In the Interest of Minor Child: B.B.B., DOB 02/03/86 by *Leanne Burnstad v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment*, CV 00-12 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 8, 2000). Order (Accepting Accounting).

In the Interest of Minor Child: M.B.H., DOB 07/17/89 by *Mary K. Henderson v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment*, CV 00-22 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 8, 2000). Order (Accepting Accounting).

In the Interest of Minor Child: C.J.W., DOB 01/03/84 by *Anne Johnson v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment*, CV 99-68 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 8, 2000). Order (Accepting Accounting).

In the Interest of Minor Child: R.E.C., DOB 09/15/82 by *Excilda Bird v. Ho-Chunk Nation*

Office of Tribal Enrollment, CV 99-67 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 8, 2000). Order (Accepting Accounting).

In the Interest of Mercedes L. Blackcoon: by Dale G. Hazard v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment, CV 96-78 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 8, 2000). Order (Accepting Accounting).



In the Interest of Minor Child: M.B.H., DOB 07/17/89 by *Mary K. Martinson v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment*, CV 00-22 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 8, 2000). Order (Accepting Accounting).

In the Interest of Minor Child: M.B.M., DOB 09/09/98, JV 00-11 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 11, 2000). Order (Appointment of Permanent Guardian of the Person).

In the Interest of Minor Child: N.J.O., DOB 02/19/84, JV 00-16 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 12, 2000). Order (Default Judgment).

In the Interest of Minor Children: P.J.H., DOB 10/24/84 and E.J.H., DOB 08/28/85, JV 00-02 and JV 00-03 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 15, 2000). Order (Appointment of Guardian ad Litem).

State of Wisconsin and Patricia Houghton v. Dixon Funmaker, CS 98-68 and *In the Interest of Minor Children: D.H.F., DOB 09/26/96 and A.V.F., DOB 03/26/98*, JV 99-07 and JV 99-08 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 15, 2000). Order (Amending Enforcement of Child Support). The Court imposed withholding for back child support in Case No. CS 98-68 based upon the documentation provided by the county child support agency.

State of Wisconsin/Jackson County v. Morgan Decorah, CV 97-68 and *State of Wisconsin/Jackson County v. Morgan*

HCN Court Fees

- Filing Fees \$35.00
- Service of Summons
- ! In Person \$15.00 (or cost if out of state)
- ! By Mail \$4.00 (or cost, whichever is greater)
- ! By the Court \$0.325 (per mile)
- Copying \$0.10/per page
- Faxing \$0.25/per page (sending and receiving)
- Tapes of Hearings \$10.00/per tape
- Deposition Videotape \$10.00/per tape
- Certified Copies \$0.50/per page
- Equipment Rental \$5.00/per hour
- Register a Foreign Order \$15.00
- Appellate filing fees \$35.00
- Admission to Practice \$50.00
- Pro Hac Vice Appearance \$35.00

Legal Citation Form

Below are example citation forms by legal reference and citation description.

Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution

Constitution, Article Number, Section, and Subsection.

HCN CONST., ART. XI, Sec. (or ') 7.

HCN Const., Art. II, Sec. (or ') 1(a).

Ho-Chunk Nation Court System

P.O. Box 70

Black River Falls, WI 54615

HCN Ordinances

Ordinance Name, Chapter number, Section/Part/Clause, page.
PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURE MANUAL, Ch. 12, Part B, p. 82.
CLAIMS AGAINST PER CAPITA, ' 6.01(b).

HCN Supreme Court Case Law

Case Name, Case No. (HCN S. Ct., month, day, year).
Johnson v. Department Inc., SU 89-04 (HCN S. Ct., Aug. 14, 1995).
Smith v. Casino, SU 94-11 *Order* (HCN S. Ct., Dec. 1, 1993).

HCN Trial Court Case Law

Case Name, Case No. (HCN Tr. Ct., month, day, year).
Jane Doe v. Bob Smith, CV 99-01 (HCN Tr. Ct., Nov. 1, 1999).
In the Interest of Minor Child X, JV 95-047 (HCN Tr. Ct., May 23, 1994).

Rules of Civil Procedure

HCN. R. Civ. P. 19(B).



Decorah, CS 98-78 and *State of Wisconsin/Shawano County v. Morgan Decorah*, CS 99-77 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 15, 2000). *Order (Impounding Child Support)*. The Court impounded the child support previously ordered in Case No. CS 99-77 to allow Shawano County an opportunity to explain a document filed recently with the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Treasury.

In the Interest of Minor Child: K.C.C., DOB 09/16/89 by Phyllis Smoke v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment, CV 00-77 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 15, 2000). *Order (Petition Granted)*. The Court granted the release of CTF funds for orthodontic treatment for the child.

Hoc•k Federal Credit Union v. Melinda and Ronnie Lee, CV 00-67 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 15, 2000). *Order (Default Judgment)*. The Court ordered the defendants to pay the balance of their defaulted loan, plus the costs of bringing this action.

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Property Management Division v. Lionel Pettibone Sr. and Sharon Pettibone, CV 00-49 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 15, 2000). *Order (Default Judgment)*. The Court ordered unpaid rent and unpaid utility bills to be withheld from the defendants' per capita distributions.

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Property Management Division v. Truman H. Williams, Jr., CV 00-59 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 15, 2000). *Order (Default Judgment)*. The Court ordered unpaid rent and unpaid utility bills to be withheld from the defendant's per capita distributions.

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Property Management Division v. Gloria Visintin, CV 98-62 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 18, 2000). *Order (Satisfaction of Judgment)*.

John Goodbear v. Ho-Chunk Nation, CV 00-41 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 18, 2000). *Order (Dismissal with Prejudice)*.

State of Wisconsin, Jackson Co. v. Brent M. Funmaker, CV 97-18 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 18, 2000). *Judgment (Reinstating Withholding)*. The Court reinstated withholding from the defendant's per capita distributions for child support.

State of WI/Sauk Co. and Crystal L. Monteen-Martin v. Ronald David Martin, CS 00-35 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 18, 2000). *Judgment (Enforcing Child Support)*. The Court entered an order to withhold child support from the respondent's per capita distributions.

In re the Support of Maynard B. Funmaker, Jr. and Michael A. Funmaker, State of Wisconsin on behalf of Sauk Co. Dept. of Human Services v. Jeanette Decorah, CS 00-10 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 18, 2000). *Order (Suspending Withholding)*.

State of Wisconsin/Jackson Co. v. Robert Cleveland, CS 00-33 (HCN Tr. Ct., September 18, 2000). *Judgment (Enforcing Child Support)*. The Court entered an order to withhold child support from the respondent's per capita distributions.



Michelle Decorah v. Irene Keenan, Child Care Assistance Program, Department of Social Services, CV 00-51 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 18, 2000). *Order (Dismissal with Prejudice)*.

In the Interest of Minor Child: D.M.S.T., DOB 07/01/83 by Roxanne Tallmadge-Johnson v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment, CV 00-14 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 18, 2000). *Order (Accepting Accounting)*.

Ho-Chunk Nation v. Ross Olsen, CV 99-81 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 18, 2000). *Judgment*. The Court ordered the defendant to return a

down payment to the Nation after the defendant failed to deliver goods.

Jeanette M. Lieb v. Annette R. Littlewolf, St. Paul Branch Coordinator, and the Ho-Chunk Nation, CV 99-15 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 19, 2000). *Notice (Intent to Close)*.

In re: Bruce Patrick O'Brien by Elethe Nichols, Guardian v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment, CV 96-46 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 20, 2000). *Order (Release of Funds)*.

State of WI/Jackson Co. v. Mark A. Thundercloud, CS 00-38 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 20, 2000). *Order (Enforcing Child Support)*. The Court entered an order to withhold child support from the respondent's per capita distributions.

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Property Management Division v. Jennifer A. Jones, CV 00-68 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 21, 2000). *Judgement (Stayed)*.

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Property Management Division v. Jamie L. Funmaker, CV 99-92 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 21, 2000). *Order (Permitting Amended Complaint)*.

Nellie M. Peoples v. Mark S. Houghton, CS 00-39 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 21, 2000). *Default Judgment (Enforcing Child Support)*. The Court entered an order to withhold child support from the defendant's per capita distributions.

In the Interest of Minor Child: S.J.R., DOB 03/31/99, JV 00-01 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 22, 2000). *Order (Requesting Action of the Legal Guardian)*.

In the Interest of Minor Children: P.L.H., DOB 10/24/84 and E.J.H., DOB 08/28/85, JV 00-21 and JV 00-22 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 22, 2000). *Order (Initial Emergency Hearing)*.

In the Interest of the Minor Child: K.D., DOB: 02/06/87 by Karena Day v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment, CV 00-82 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 25, 2000). *Order (Granting CTF Funds for Orthodontics)*.

In the Interest of Minor Child: S.L.S., DOB 01/03/86, JV 00-19 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 26, 2000). *Order (Establishment of Child Support)*.

Margaret G. Garvin v. Donald Greengrass, CV 00-10 and *Margaret G. Garvin v. Ho-Chunk Nation and Donald Greengrass in his official and individual capacity, and Evans Littlegeorge in his individual capacity*, CV 00-38 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 26, 2000). *Order (Granting Motion to Consolidate)*.

In the Interest of Adult Incompetent: M.B.J., DOB 12/01/65 by Dollie Big John v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment, CV 00-83 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 26, 2000). *Order (Petition Granted)*. The Court granted the release of funds from the ITF account for household necessities.

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing, Home Ownership Program v. Jerome Marshall Cloud, CV 00-46 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 27, 2000). *Order*. The Court granted the plaintiff's request to terminate the defendant's lease.

In the Interest of the Minor Children: J.W., DOB 05/09/87 and R.W., DOB 11/02/84 by Patricia White v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment, CV 00-73 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 27, 2000). *Order (Dismissing Case)*.

In the Interest of Minor Child: N.J.O., DOB 02/19/84, JV 00-16 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 27, 2000). *Order (Dispositional Requirements)*.

In the Interest of Minor Child: N.J.O., DOB 02/19/84, JV 00-16 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 28, 2000). *Order (Establishment of Child Support)*.



Recent Filings

James Pieters v. Jean Blackhawk f/k/a Jean Snow f/k/a Jean Pieters, CS 98-50 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 28, 2000). *Order (Redirecting Support Payments)*.

In the Matter of the Children: M.E.O., DOB: 01/27/94; *L.R.O.*, DOB: 09/05/95; *F.P.*, DOB: 10/02/97; *A.N.P.*, DOB: 10/02/97; and *R.B.O.*, DOB: 07/13/99, JV 00-28, JV 00-29, JV 00-30, JV 00-31, and JV 00-32 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 28, 2000). *Order (Accepting Transfer)*.

In the Interest of the Minor Children: T.H.S., DOB 12/04/87; *S.H.S.*; DOB 01/12/90; and *B.A.S.*, DOB 01/12/85, JV 99-05, JV 99-06 and JV 99-19 (HCN Tr. Ct., Sept. 28, 2000). *Order (Status Hearing and Clarification of Guardian ad Litem Obligations)*.

Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court:

In the Interest of the Minor Children: V.D.C., DOB 10/03/84; *D.J.C.*, DOB 10/22/88; *M.J.B.*, DOB 09/20/86; *F.S.B.*, DOB 06/21/92; and *W.W.B.*, DOB 09/20/94 by *Debra Crowe v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment*, SU 00-09, (HCN S. Ct., Sept. 5, 2000). *Extension Order*.

Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Authority v. William Goodbear, Jr., SU 00-12 (HCN S. Ct., Sept. 22, 2000). *Scheduling Order*.

Ho-Chunk Nation v. Harry Steindorf and Jess Steindorf, SU 00-04 (HCN S. Ct., Sept. 29, 2000). *Decision*. The Trial Court decision was affirmed. The Trial Court did not have subject matter jurisdiction over actions taken by tribal members, and occurring at a Wisconsin state chartered corporation, despite the fact that the corporation has as its Board of Directors the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature.



Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court:

Elizabeth T. Nguyen v. Robert Olivia, Ho-Chunk Nation Transportation, CV 00-84, filed September 7, 2000.

Bernard Mountain and Iris Lyons v. Ho-Chunk Housing Authority, CV 00-85, filed September 8, 2000.

Michelle Wood v. Vickie Hindsley, CV 00-86, filed September 8, 2000.

Sauk County Child Support Agency v. Michelle L. Mendoza, CS 00-40, filed September 8, 2000.

Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Authority v. Cheri Crain, CV 00-87, filed September 11, 2000.

Janet Funmaker v. Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Program and Russell Girard, CV 00-88, filed September 12, 2000.

State of Wisconsin v. Eileen Funmaker, CS 00-41, filed September 12, 2000.

In the Interest of T.F. and J.F. by Jill Pettibone, CV 00-89, filed September 18, 2000.

State of Wisconsin/Kathleen Funmaker v. John Funmaker, CS 00-42, filed September 18, 2000.

In the Interest of S.D.B., DOB 07/30/92 by Carol Barnes v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment, CV 00-90, filed September 19, 2000.

State of Wisconsin v. Curtis Pidgeon, CS 00-43, filed September 19, 2000.

Ho-Chunk Nation v. B & K Builders, Inc. and Ruka & Associates, CV 00-91, filed September 20, 2000.

Scholze Ace Home Center v. Ed Perry, d/b/a Perry Construction, CV 00-92, filed September 25, 2000.

Liana Bush v. Clarence Pettibone, in his official capacity of Vice President, and Shirley

Lonetree in her official capacity as Personnel Director, CV 00-93, filed September 25, 2000.

In the Interest of J.S.H. by Iris Fergens v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment, CV 00-94, filed September 27, 2000.

In the Interest of S.T., Jr., DOB 02/10/82 by Stuart Taylor, Sr. v. Ho-Chunk Nation Office of Tribal Enrollment, CV 00-95, filed September 27, 2000.

Jennifer R. Stark v. Patrick P. Patterson, CS 00-44, filed September 29, 2000.

Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court:

Michele M. Ferguson v. Ho-Chunk Nation Insurance Review Commission/Division of Risk Management, SU 00-13, filed September 15, 2000.



Practice Tip

Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 56(C) allows the Court to *sua sponte* move to dismiss a case if no activity has occurred on the case for the past six months. The Court must provide written *Notice* to the parties of its intent to close the file in 30 days. If the parties fail to contact the Court about their intent to pursue the case within those 30 days, the case is dismissed. The parties carry the burden of actively pursuing their case, and this Rule recognizes that burden.

Jurisdiction After *Steindorf*

Litigants must satisfy two jurisdictional elements for the Court to entertain their case. The first of these elements is subject matter jurisdiction. With the ruling in *Ho-Chunk Nation v. Harry Steindorf and Jess Steindorf*,

SU 00-04, this requirement has been clarified.

Article I, Section 2 of the HO-CHUNK NATION CONSTITUTION states that the Nation has jurisdiction over its entire territory. Article VII, Section 5(a) of the CONSTITUTION states that the Trial Court “shall have original jurisdiction over all cases and controversies . . . arising under the Constitution, laws, customs and traditions of the Ho-Chunk Nation.” The decision in *Steindorf* clarifies that the territorial component is not sufficient for the Trial Court to have subject matter jurisdiction. Additionally, the case or controversy must arise “under the Constitution, laws, customs and traditions of the Ho-Chunk Nation.” The potential subject matter jurisdiction of the Trial Court shall therefore continue to expand as the Ho-Chunk Legislature continues to pass more laws.

The decision in *Steindorf* clarifies that personal jurisdiction, based on the defendant’s status as a tribal member, does not by itself confer subject matter jurisdiction upon the Court. The elements of personal jurisdiction and subject matter jurisdiction must be met for the Court to hear the case.

Other News

The Court has received a many letters from tribal members concerning the Saturday, October 14, 2000 Special Election on redistricting. A letter is not the proper way to begin an action before the Court. A *Complaint* must be filed, and a filing fee and service of process fee must be paid. Additionally, a defendant must be named. As always, standard Court forms and lists of Ho-Chunk Nation bar members may be requested from the Court at 1-800-424-4070.