

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation



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3 CTUIR Judges Receive Ceremonial Oath of Office

MISSION, Ore. – Three associate judges of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) received a ceremonial oath of office and presentation of robes on Wednesday, April 17 inside the Tribal Court.

Associate Judges Louisa Allman, Naomi Stacy and Matthew Johnson, who are all CTUIR members, were appointed by the CTUIR Board of Trustees (Board) for terms of 10 years on Nov. 13.

On April 17, CTUIR Chief Judge William Johnson ceremoniously swore in Stacy, Allman and Matthew Johnson before he and Associate Judges Doug Nash and David Gallagher gave CTUIR-fashioned stoles to the trio.

“It’s a great honor to be in this position,” Allman said. “These three other judges (William Johnson, Nash and Gallagher) have been my mentors since I was 15. And who knew me being a little volunteer student clerk would have reached this? I appreciate all they have contributed to my career.... And I’m thankful for the honor the tribe has bestowed upon me to serve as an associate judge.”

Allman, who has a background in criminal justice focusing on children and adolescents, was appointed as a pro tem judge in 2022 and has presided over child support hearings. She has an associate degree in business administration and is a certified paralegal.

During her remarks, Stacy thanked her parents and others who supported her legal dreams.

“I’m so grateful for this day and the path that led me here. I want to thank my mother Susan Lubrin, my father Emory Stacy and the countless people who have helped me along the way,” she said. “I can’t think of many people who weren’t supportive, who weren’t helpful and helped teach me on this journey, and I’m so grateful.”

William Johnson appointed Stacy as judge pro tem in May 2023. She is licensed to practice law before tribal, state and federal courts and has litigation experience at trial and appellate levels. She earned a

bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Washington and is a graduate of the Washburn School of Law.

Stacy and Allman are only the second and third women to serve as CTUIR judges. Lynn W. Hampton served as a CTUIR appellate judge before being appointed as a Circuit Court judge for Umatilla and Morrow counties in 2011 by then-Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

Matthew Johnson shared some humor about initially trying on his robe during his remarks.

"I tried on my robe for the first time this morning, and my daughter told me I looked like a pilgrim," he said. "I'm still getting used to it, but what is really hard to express is how honored I feel by the Board for putting this trust in me, putting this trust in us to continue on the high standard of integrity and fairness that these judges have shown all these years. I hope to just live up to a little bit of the model and standards that they have set."

A licensed attorney, Matthew Johnson has been the Tribal Court director/judicial assistant since 2022. He earned a bachelor's degree in American history from Willamette University and a juris doctorate from Lewis and Clark Law School.

The Tribal Court has sole criminal jurisdiction over Indian people on the Umatilla Indian Reservation and criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians who have been charged with domestic violence offenses under the Violence Against Women Act. It also has concurrent jurisdiction with Oregon for civil issues within the reservation.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is comprised of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla Tribes, and formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 Stat. 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.

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Caption1: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Judges Naomi Stacy, Louisa Allman and Matthew Johnson raise their right hands as they take a ceremonial oath of office on April 17 in the CTUIR Tribal Court. CTUIR

Caption2: Facing from left to right are Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Judges Naomi Stacy, Louisa Allman and Matthew Johnson. Backs showing from left to right are Judges David Gallagher, William Johnson and Doug Nash, who presented stoles to Stacy, Allman and Matthew Johnson after they were ceremoniously sworn in and presented judges' robes on April 17 in the CTUIR Tribal Court. CTUIR

Caption3: From left to right are Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Judges Matthew Johnson, Doug Nash, William Johnson, David Gallagher, Louisa Allman and Naomi Stacy. Matthew Johnson, Allman and Stacy received a ceremonial oath of office and presentation of robes on April 17 in the CTUIR Tribal Court. CTUIR