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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADOPTION OF REVISED RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

In compliance with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Court Code Chapter 3, Rule Making Authority, public notice is hereby given of the promulgation and adoption by Order of the Chief Judge of the CTUIR Tribal Court dated October 24, 2025 of the CTUIR RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE to become effective January 1, 2026.

The purpose of the rules is to govern proceedings in appeals in the CTUIR Court of Appeals and assist parties, litigants, attorneys, other interested parties, the public, the Tribe, and the Court, in securing due process and prompt resolution of disputes and the effective administration of justice in matters before the CTUIR Court of Appeals.

With these goals in mind, new Rules of Appellate Procedure have been drafted under the Court's rulemaking authority described in Chapter 3 of the Court Code. While some technical procedures are unavoidable in any appellate process, the revised rules are designed with a focus on lay advocates and self-represented (or "pro se") litigants. They emphasize clarity on topics such as timelines, filing requirements (including electronic filing), forms, costs, and internal procedures.

To support self-represented parties and help ensure that they can present their appeals effectively, training materials will be developed and made available. These materials may be provided in written and/or video format and will address various aspects of the appellate process.

Public comment is invited and may be made orally or in writing, personally delivered or mailed, to the Court at 46411 Timine Way, Pendleton, OR 97801. We look forward to your feedback and comments on the new Rules of Appellate Procedure.