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### Resource List — Appellate

- **Alaska Tribal Justice Resource Center ([atjrc.org](http://atjrc.org)):**
  - [Sample Judicial Code: Alaska Tribe](#) (with Tribal Court of Appeals): This sample code can be modified to fit specific tribal court needs, including the structure of tribal court and appellate courts.
  - [Appellate Courts: How to Ensure a Fair and Impartial Tribunal](#): This PowerPoint focuses on appellate courts and how a tribe can be designed to ensure fair and impartial processes that enhance due process and tribal values.
  
- **American Bar Association ([americanbar.org](http://americanbar.org)):**
  - [Publications](#)  
This is a link to ABA resources for judges in general as well as appellate resources including Appellate Issues, a publication of the Council of Appellate Lawyers.
  
  - [Appellate Judges Conference](#)  
The Appellate Judges Conference (AJC) is the Judicial Divisions home to state and federal appellate judges, appellate staff attorneys, and appellate lawyers dedicated to an efficient and independent judiciary.
  
  - [The Judges' Journal, "Tribal Courts", Volume 59, Number 2 \(May 2020\)](#)  
This is a resource of other publications and articles related to tribal justice.
  
- **Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flatbed Reservation Appellate Court ([csktribes.org](http://csktribes.org)):**
  - [Appellate Court](#)  
This is a link to the Tribe's appellate court and other resources including opinions and rules of procedure.
  
- **LibGuides at Brooklyn Law School ([BrookLaw.edu](http://BrookLaw.edu)):**
  - [Tribal Court Decisions - Native American Law - LibGuides at Brooklyn Law School](#)  
A research guide to support Native American Law including publicly available Tribal Court appellate decisions and other publications.



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- **National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks ([appellatecourtclerks.org](http://appellatecourtclerks.org))**
  - [Appellate Court Web Sites - National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks](#)  
The site contains useful information such as opinions, argument schedules, and order lists, as well as information about the appellate court justices and procedure.
  
- **National Tribal Judicial Center | Appellate Skills for Tribal Judges ([judges.org](http://judges.org)):**
  - [Additional Tribal Course Topics - The National Judicial College](#)  
Catalog of educational training courses for Tribal Court Judges.
  
- **Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS)( [www.nics.ws](http://www.nics.ws)):**
  - [Northwest Intertribal Court System – Tribal Appellate Court Opinions](#)  
This is a link to a website that Tribal Court Appellate Opinions from various tribes, and code publishing.
  
- **Seattle University School of Law— American Indian Law Journal([digitalcommons.law.seattleu.edu/ailj](http://digitalcommons.law.seattleu.edu/ailj)):**
  - [Smith, Gregory D. J.D., "A Streamlined Model of Tribal Appellate Court Rules for Lay Advocates and Pro Se Litigants," American Indian Law Journal: Volume 4: Issue 1, Article 4 \(2015\)](#)  
This Article addresses some of these problems by proposing rules, giving examples of how an appeal brief should look, and defining key terms the non-lawyer will encounter during the tribal court appeals process.
  
- **Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals (SWITCA)([ailc-inc.org/our-work/switca](http://ailc-inc.org/our-work/switca)):**
  - [Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals \(SWITCA\) | American Indian Law Center, Inc. \(AILC\)](#)  
SWITCA is an impartial appellate court forum for the review of tribal court decisions. It also provides training, technical assistance, legal research, and support services.
  
  - [SWITCA Rules of Appellate Procedure \(SWITCARA\)](#)  
Provides links to several rules of procedure applying to various cases.



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- [Sample Resolution Authorizing the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals](#)  
Sample Resolution Authorizing the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals to act as the Tribal Court of Appeals
- [SWITCA Self-Help Guide to Appeals from Tribal Court](#)  
This is a Self-Help Guide to Appeals from Tribal Court.
- [SWITCA Reporter](#)  
A resource compilation of SWITCA judicial decisions.
- **Tribal Law and Policy Institute( TLPI)([tribal-institute.org](http://tribal-institute.org)):**
  - [Tribal Court Decisions:](#)  
Resource of court decisions from various tribes and appellate courts, including opinions, orders, and precedent case law.
- **Tulalip Tribes Appellate Court ([tulaliptribes-nsn.gov](http://tulaliptribes-nsn.gov)):**
  - [Tulalip Tribal Court | | Home – General Court Info – Appellate Court](#)  
This is a link to the Tribal website describing the Tribe’s appellate process and appellate Court.
  - [Tulalip Tribal Court | | Home – Forms and Filings – Court Forms](#)  
This is a link to the Tribal website and the forms used for appeals, as well as other court related forms.
- **University of Minnesota Law School(<https://law.umn.edu/>):**
  - [Tribal Law - American Indian Law Research Guide - Research Guides at University of Minnesota Law Library](#)  
This is a resource that includes books, articles, news, treaties, statutes, legislation, case law, and administrative law sources as well as other sources related to tribal law such as organizations and associations.
- **University of South Dakota Knudson School of Law ([usd.edu](http://usd.edu)):**
  - [Opinions by Tribal Court - Tribal Justice: 25 Years as a Tribal Appellate Justice - Frank Pommersheim - LibGuides at University of South Dakota School of Law](#)  
This is the web component for Professor Pommersheim's most recent book, Tribal Justice: 25 Years as a Tribal Appellate Justice.



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- **University of Washington — Gallagher Law Library ([law.UW.edu](http://law.UW.edu)):**
  - [Tribal Court Decisions - Indian & Tribal Law - University of Washington Law Library](#)  
Resources for researching Federal Indian Law and Tribal Law

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