

SHARING OUR STORIES OF  
SURVIVAL: NATIVE WOMEN  
SURVIVING VIOLENCE



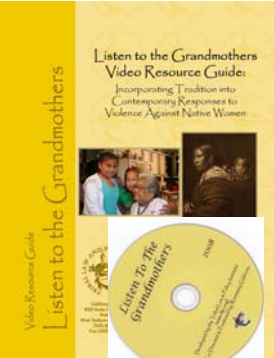
This textbook is a general introduction to the social and legal issues involved in acts of violence against Native women, this book's contributors are lawyers, advocates, social workers, social scientists, writers, poets, and victims. In the U.S. Native women are more likely than women from any other group to suffer violence, from rape and battery to more subtle forms of abuse, and ***Sharing Our Stories of Survival*** explores the causes and consequences of such behavior. The stories and case-studies presented here are often painful and raw, and the statistics are overwhelmingly grim; but a countervailing theme also runs through this extremely informative volume: Many of the women who appear in these pages are survivors, often strengthened by their travails, and the violence examined here is human violence, meaning that it can be changed, if only with much effort and education.

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This website is designed to provide both tribal and non-tribal entities with a clearinghouse of information and resources pertaining to the issuance and enforcement of tribal protection orders.

LISTEN TO THE GRANDMOTHERS VIDEO  
AND VIDEO DISCUSSION GUIDEBOOK



This video and video discussion guidebook is designed to assist tribal programs with incorporating cultural traditions into contemporary responses to violence against Native women. The "Listen to the Grandmothers" video features Native elders speaking to the problem of violence against Native women. The video provides a historical overview of violence against Native women, traditional responses, and an analysis concerning the incorporation of cultural traditions into contemporary responses to violence against

TRIBAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASE  
LAW: ANNOTATIONS FOR SELECTED  
TRIBAL CASES RELATED TO DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE (UPDATED 2011)

This resource is designed to assist tribal judicial officers in understanding how some tribal governments have handled certain legal issues within the context of domestic violence cases. While a great deal of research has been done on case law in the state systems, little to no analysis has been done on the tribal judicial approach to domestic violence. This compendium, developed as part of an overall code-writing workshop curriculum for tribal governments, will assist tribal legislators as well. Understanding how laws are interpreted by the court systems may impact the development of laws that provide safety to tribal citizens.



Tribal Court Clearinghouse  
[www.tlpi.org](http://www.tlpi.org)

*TLPI has established a comprehensive website which serves as a resource for the improvement of justice in Indian Country. It provides extensive information and links for the vast amount of information available on the internet.*

TRIBAL LAW & POLICY INSTITUTE  
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Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) staff and consultants are available to assist in the code-writing process, protocol & SART development for your tribal community. Please contact the Minnesota office of the Tribal Law & Policy Institute to discuss your needs.

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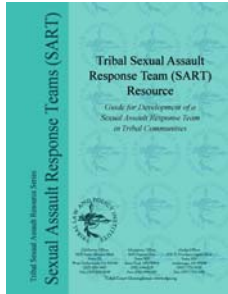
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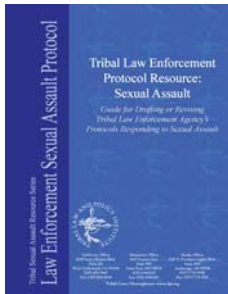
# TRIBAL SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCE SERIES

## *COMMUNITY BASED LEGAL DEVELOPMENT*



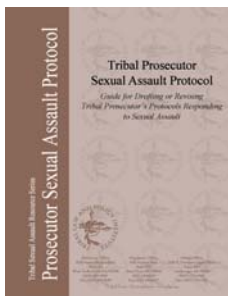
### TRIBAL SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM (SART) RESOURCE

This guide for development of a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) in tribal communities is a guide to creating cohesive policies between tribal agencies. Victims of sexual assault deserve a coordinated, comprehensive response from a variety of community agencies. This SART Resource provides a starting point for developing victim-centered SART teams in your community.



### TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOL RESOURCE: SEXUAL ASSAULT

This guide for drafting or revising tribal law enforcement agency's protocols responding to sexual assault (including a model sexual assault protocol) is a tool for improving the investigation of sexual assault crimes. Effective investigations increase the likelihood of victim participation and increase the probability of convictions in tribal, state, and/or federal courts. Once your tribal government has strong laws in place, this publication will help you create policies and protocols for your law enforcement agency to enforce your laws.



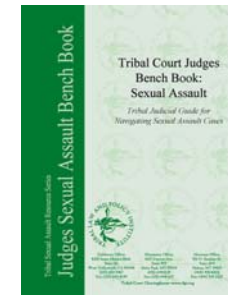
### TRIBAL PROSECUTOR PROTOCOL RESOURCE: SEXUAL ASSAULT

This guide for drafting or revising tribal prosecutor's protocols responding to sexual assault (*including a model sexual assault protocol*) is a tool for improving the prosecution of sexual assault crimes. Holding offenders accountable for their actions is a key part of making your community safe. This publication is designed to help your prosecutor's office ensure consistency and compassion for all survivors. This guide focuses on the development of an internal protocol for tribal prosecution. A prosecutor protocol can enhance the efforts of all community agencies in addressing sexual violence.



### FOCUS GROUP ON PUBLIC LAW 280 AND THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF NATIVE WOMEN FINAL REPORT

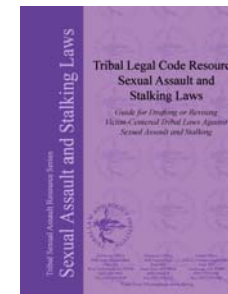
On August 15 - 16, 2007 the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) hosted a focus group in Green Bay, Wisconsin to discuss challenges to, and opportunities for, collaboration between states and tribes in Public Law 280 jurisdictions to address sexual assault in Indian country. The Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) provided technical assistance and collaborated with OVW on the design and delivery of the session. This final report details the event.



### TRIBAL COURT JUDGES BENCH BOOK: SEXUAL ASSAULT

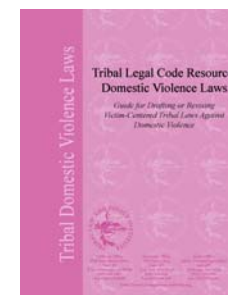
This is a resource for tribal judges who hear sexual assault cases in tribal courts. It provides background information on important sexual assault and tribal jurisdictional issues, as well as providing guidance in handling key issues at various stages of a sexual assault criminal trial.

*Tribal Legal Code Resource Guides are designed to provide an outline of issues that should be considered when drafting a code or updating an existing code. They are designed to be inclusive of a community's values. They include sample language from existing tribal codes.*



### TRIBAL LEGAL CODE RESOURCE: SEXUAL ASSAULT AND STALKING LAWS

This guide for drafting or revising victim-centered tribal laws against sexual assault and stalking is written with a philosophy that tribal laws should reflect tribal values. In addition, writing a tribal law usually requires careful consideration of how state and/or federal laws might apply in the community. This resource guide includes sample language and discussion questions which are designed to help tribal community members decide on the best laws for their community.



### TRIBAL LEGAL CODE RESOURCE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAWS

This guide for drafting or revising victim-centered tribal laws against domestic violence is written with a philosophy that tribal laws should reflect tribal values. In addition, writing a tribal law usually requires careful consideration of how state and/or federal laws might apply in the community. This resource guide includes sample language and discussion questions which are designed to help tribal community members decide on the best laws for their community.