

## Domestic Violence Courts/Dockets Training/Technical Assistance

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) provides training and technical assistance to enhance the capacity of tribal communities to establish dedicated tribal domestic dockets or courts, under a grant from the Office on Violence Against Women.

### Our goals are:

- ◆ To provide training/technical assistance and resources to assist the development of tribal domestic violence courts or dockets
- ◆ To create a resource guide for tribes interested in developing a domestic violence court or docket
- ◆ To hold webinars and develop resources that will promote the implementation of tribal domestic violence courts or dockets

**TLPI can provide T/TA to tribes at no cost**, to facilitate domestic violence court or docket development .

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## Coming Soon– Project Webpage on [www.TLPI.org](http://www.TLPI.org)

TLPI is preparing a webpage devoted to promoting tribal domestic violence courts or dockets. The primary focus of the webpage is to:

- ◆ Provide resources that explain how to implement and develop domestic violence courts or dockets
- ◆ Provide resources to educate systems and service providers on the dynamics domestic violence in Indian country and the responsibility for the safety of victims and batterer accountability
- ◆ Provide resources to include one-pagers, articles, guides particular to the implementation of Tribal Domestic Violence Courts or Dockets, including both civil and criminal elements as well as information relative to implementing VAWA SDVCJ.
- ◆ Host all project-specific information and resources developed by TLPI, including:
  - ◇ Tribal Domestic Violence Courts/Dockets Resource Guide
  - ◇ Webinars
  - ◇ Project Events

# Tribal Domestic Violence Courts/Dockets

[www.tribal-institute.org/lists/domestic.htm](http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/domestic.htm)

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## TRIBAL LAW AND POLICY INSTITUTE

[www.Home.TLPI.org](http://www.Home.TLPI.org)

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) is a Native American operated non-profit corporation organized to design and deliver education, research, training, and technical assistance programs which promote the enhancement of justice in Indian country and the health, well-being, and culture of Native peoples.

**Our vision** is to empower Native communities to create and control their own institutions for the benefit/welfare of all community members now and for future generations.

**Our mission** is to enhance and strengthen tribal sovereignty and justice while honoring community values, protecting rights, and promoting well-being.

In pursuit of our mission, TLPI strives to provide free resources for American Indian and Alaska Native nations, American Indian and Alaska Native people, tribal justice systems, victims services providers, tribal service providers, and others involved in the improvement of justice in Indian country. These resources are available at [www.Home.TLPI.org/Publications](http://www.Home.TLPI.org/Publications) and through the Tribal Court Clearinghouse ([www.tlpi.org](http://www.tlpi.org)).

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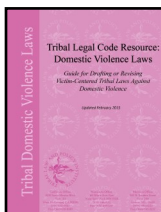
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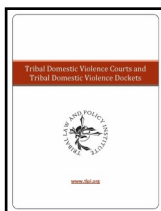
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## Related Publications



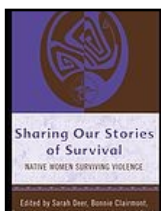
### Domestic Violence Laws: Guide for Drafting or Revising Victim-Centered Tribal Laws Against Domestic Violence

This *Guide for Drafting or Revising Tribal Laws Against Domestic Violence* includes includes examples from a variety of tribal codes designed to offer suggestions on how tribal laws can be drafted in a way that provides safety and support for the survivors of domestic violence. (2015)



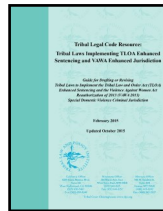
### Tribal Domestic Violence Court-Docket Fact Sheet

*Tribal Domestic Violence Court-Docket Fact Sheet* is a short fact-sheet that discusses the differences between Tribal Domestic Violence Courts and Tribal Domestic Violence Dockets. (2015)



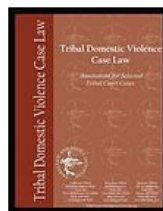
### Sharing Our Stories of Survival: Native Women Surviving Violence

*Sharing Our Stories of Survival* is a general introduction to the social and legal issues involved in acts of violence against Native women. The stories and case-studies presented here are often painful and raw, and the statistics are overwhelmingly grim; but there is a countervailing theme: 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 it can be changed. (2008)



### Tribal Laws: Implementing TLOA Enhanced Sentencing and VAWA Enhanced Jurisdiction

This *Implementing TLOA and VAWA* resource provides guidance for Native nations interested in implementing enhanced sentencing under the Tribal Law and Order Act and/or the special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction under the 2013 Violence Against Women Act. (Updated 2016)



### Tribal Domestic Violence Case Law: Annotations for Selected Tribal Court Cases

*Tribal Domestic Violence Case Law* was developed to help tribal court officials learn about other Nation nations' approach to certain legal issues in domestic violence cases. (2011)



### Sharing Our Stories of Survival: Native Women Surviving Violence (Trainer's Manual)

This *Trainer's Manual* provides eight workshops on chapter-specific topics from the *Sharing Our Stories of Survival* textbook. Many of the activities used in the workshops could also be used in a classroom setting, but are designed for workshops, community meetings, or staff trainings. (2015)

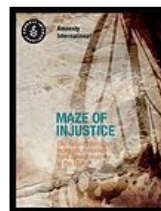
**These are just a few of the free project-specific resources available for download. Please visit [www.Home.TLPI.org/publications](http://www.Home.TLPI.org/publications) for a complete listing.**

## Co-Authored Publications



### Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction: Pilot Project Report

The Reauthorization of Violence Against Women in 2013 created the Pilot Project, which comprised of five tribes . These tribes exercised the Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction, which restored their partial power to criminally prosecute non-Indians for domestic violence offenses. The Pilot Project Report provides a brief account of the activities during the Pilot Project period from February 2014 – March 2015 and shares recommendations for next steps (2016)



### Maze of Injustice: The failure to protect Indigenous women from sexual violence in the USA

The *Maze of Injustice* is a groundbreaking report from Amnesty International focuses on sexual violence against AI/AN women. Sexual violence is committed against AI/AN women at alarming rates, and is compounded by federal erosion of tribal authority. This report covers international human rights law, issues of jurisdiction, policing, forensic exams, barriers to prosecution and support services. (2007)

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## Events

All training events and webinars will be posted to [www.Home.TLPI.org/events](http://www.Home.TLPI.org/events)

### Needs Assessment

**Tribal Domestic Violence Courts** provide culturally literate, domestic violence-trained court personnel, a holistic, community approach to victim services, case continuity and a commitment to batterer accountability.

**Tribal Domestic Violence Dockets** set aside specific days of the tribal court's docket to address cases involving domestic violence. Devoting certain days of the docket to domestic violence cases allows some continuity for the victim, and allows the tribal court to address related civil and criminal matters on the same day.

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute is currently conducting a needs assessment to learn more about the issues and barriers tribes face in developing and implementing domestic violence courts and/or dockets.

**The needs assessment can be accessed online at:**

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/DVCourtsDockets](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DVCourtsDockets)