
IN THE CROW COURT OF APPEALS
IN AND FOR THE CROW INDIAN RESERVATION
CROW AGENCY, MONTANA

GENERAL ORDER RE. PUBLICATION AND CITATION OF
OPINIONS AND ORDERS

In order to: (1) provide for ready access to decisions of the Crow Court of Appeals by attorneys, other Tribal Court practitioners, and members of the public, and (2) provide for a uniform system for citations to decisions of the Crow Court of Appeals decisions, the Court hereby adopts the following policies regarding publication and citation of opinions and orders of the Crow Court of Appeals.

1. Copies of all final decisions, and other substantive or procedural orders designated for publication, will be available to anyone from the Clerk of the Crow Court of Appeals according to the Tribal Court's standard charge for copies. The Clerk may make arrangements to provide binders containing copies of all the Court of Appeals decisions for a prepaid charge that covers all the costs of preparing the binders.

2. Decisions designated for publication shall include those which establish, alter, modify or clarify a rule of law, and those involving legal or factual issues of unique interest or substantial public importance. Those decisions issued before this Order that are currently available on the Court's Internet Web Site are hereby designated for publication.

3. Decisions that the Court designates for publication will also be published on the Internet at the Court of Appeals' Web Site, and available free of charge.

4. Decisions designated for publication may be cited as precedent in the Crow Tribal Court and the Crow Court of Appeals. When citing a previous decision of the Crow Court of Appeals in a brief or memorandum, attorneys and lay counselors should use one of the following citation formats (no parallel citation is required):

(a) the form for citing unreported cases available in slip opinions prescribed by *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*, including the page number from the hard-copy (slip opinion) of the decision;

Example: *Crow Tribe v. Gregori*, Civ. App. Dkt. No. 94-151, slip op. at 16 (Crow Ct. App., April 2, 1998); or

(b) the medium-neutral citation format shown for each decision on the Court's Web Site, including the paragraph number as shown therein:

Example: *Crow Tribe v. Gregori*, 1998 CROW 2, ¶ 52.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order, decisions in appeals from Juvenile Court proceedings shall remain confidential (Crow Tribal Code § 9-1-105). Decisions in such appeals will not be released in any form unless the

identities of all the interested parties have been redacted or removed from the caption and the body of the decision.

DONE AND DATED this 14th day of April, 2000.

Judge

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James Yellowtail, Acting Chief

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Donald A. Stewart, Sr., Judge

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Albert L. Gros-Ventre, Judge

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William C. Watt, Judge