

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

IN RE: the Amendment of Supreme
Court Rules and Procedures

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CHEROKEE NATION
SUPREME COURT
KENDALL BIRD, COURT CLERK

ORDER

The Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation hereby amends the provision whereby Legal Interns are allowed a limited license to practice law in the Cherokee Nation Court. These provisions are known as the Supreme Court Rules on Legal Internships and are codified in the Cherokee Nation Code Annotated a 20 CNCA Appendix II.

APPENDIX II

SUPREME COURT RULES ON LEGAL INTERNSHIPS AMENDMENTS

Rule 4. Eligibility for an Intern License

The law student or law graduate applicant must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for a limited License:

- a) Have successfully completed fifty (50) academic hours in an American Bar Association Accredited Law School leading to a Juris Doctor Degree. Successful completion is a grade of 'C' or higher in all of the required courses listed below.
- b) The 50 completed hours must include the following courses:
 - Civil Procedure I
 - Civil Procedure II
 - Professional Responsibility
 - Evidence
- c) Completion of one of the following must also have been completed with a grade of C or higher:
 - Federal Indian Law
 - Indian Law Seminar
 - Tribal Governments
 - Native American Natural Resource Law
 - or other Indian law related course with the Court's approval
- d) And an overall grade point average of '2.0' or better.

Rule 9. Practice Under the Intern License

1. Criminal Representation Limitations

Representation by the legal intern in criminal cases is limited in the following manner:

- a. If the legal intern is employed by a prosecutor the supervising attorney must be present in court:

- i. At a trial in a criminal case.
- b. If the legal intern is employed by a defense attorney in a criminal case the supervising attorney must be present in court:
 - i. At all stages of a criminal case.
- c. In all other situations the supervising attorney need not be present in court.

2. Civil Representation Limitations

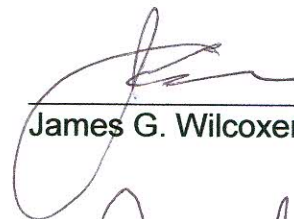
Representation by the legal intern in civil cases is limited in the following manner:

- a. In civil matters where the controversy does not exceed five thousand dollars, (\$5,000.00) exclusive of costs and attorneys fees the legal intern may appear at all stages without the supervising attorney being present.
- b. In civil matters where the controversy exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) the legal intern may appear without his supervising attorney being present only in the following situations:
 - i. Friendly suits including settlement of tort claims.
 - ii. To make an announcement on behalf of a supervising attorney.
 - iii. Ex-parte matters, such as temporary orders in, restraining orders, temporary injunctions, etc.
 - iv. Civil motion dockets, provided that a legal intern may prosecute but not defend motions and/or pleadings that may or could be the ultimate or final disposition of the cause of action.
 - v. Prosecute or defend contested motions to modify child support orders or decrees except when a change of custody of minor child is involved.
 - vi. Depositions.
 - vii. Juvenile proceedings of all kinds, including show cause hearings, except hearings to make a final termination of parental rights.
- c. In all other civil legal matters, including but not limited to probate, contested adoption proceedings, etc., the legal intern shall only appear when accompanied by and under the supervision of an approved supervising attorney.

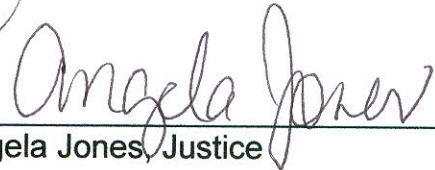
IT IS SO ORDERED this 14th day of September, 2015.


Troy Wayne Poteete, Chief Justice

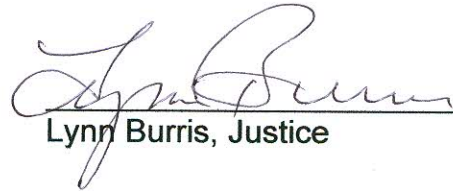

John Garrett, Justice



James G. Wilcoxon, Justice



Angela Jones, Justice



Lynn Burris, Justice

**Legal Intern Limited License Application
In the Cherokee Nation Courts**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Permanent Address (if different than above):

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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Cumulative GPA and Class Rank: _____

Hours Completed: _____

(Please furnish an official copy of the law school transcript)

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

Required Courses for the Limited License:

1. _____

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3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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7. _____

8. _____

Other: _____

Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam Score(s): _____

Date(s) MPRE Taken: _____

(Please furnish a copy of the test score(s))

Law School: _____

Law School Address: _____

Law School Phone Number: _____

Supervising Attorney Name: _____

Supervising Attorney Firm/Office: _____

Supervising Attorney Address: _____

Supervising Attorney Phone Number: _____

Supervising Attorney Email: _____

Supervising Attorney:

State(s) or Courts Licensed to Practice In	Years Licensed to Practice in Each Listed Jurisdiction	Bar Enrollment Numbers in Each Listed Jurisdiction

Professional Memberships: _____

Please furnish three letters of recommendation along with an original letter from a supervising attorney demonstrating willingness to accept legal responsibility and professional responsibility for the supervised legal intern to practice on a limited license in the Cherokee Nation courts.

All of the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Print Name

Signature of Applicant

Received: _____

**Termination or Surrender of Legal Intern Limited License to Practice
In the Cherokee Nation Courts**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Permanent Address (if different than above):

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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Supervising Attorney Name: _____

Supervising Attorney Firm/Office: _____

Supervising Attorney Address: _____

Supervising Attorney Phone Number: _____

Supervising Attorney Email: _____

Reason for Termination or Surrender of Limited License: _____

All of the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____ .

Print Name

Signature of Applicant