

NARF Announces New Alliance with Westlaw to Improve Access to Tribal Law

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) is pleased to announce a new strategic alliance with West, a Thomson Reuters business. Under this alliance, NARF and West will work to improve access to Native American tribal law available through NARF's National Indian Law Library (NILL) and Westlaw, West's premier online legal research service. Select tribal law content will be editorially annotated by West for Westlaw and will be cross-linked to court opinions and other law on Westlaw when available. Unannotated tribal law will be freely available through the NILL website. Select materials may also be published in West print products and law books. Content will include tribal codes, ordinances, constitutions, and intergovernmental agreements.

NARF encourages you to speak with your attorneys about joining in the historic alliance by submitting your codes, ordinances, constitutions and intergovernmental agreements to West and NARF for publication. By providing researchers and legal practitioners easy access to tribal law via Westlaw and NILL, tribal nations can effectively account for and strengthen their sovereign status and rights. Improved access to tribal law will promote justice and help judges, attorneys, tribal members, and the general public understand the unique relationship among the federal government, states and tribal nations.

West will provide complimentary Westlaw access to participating tribes to select database content on Westlaw, and will also share submitted tribal law with NARF for inclusion in NILL's website collection.

For information on how to participate in this project, please contact West at: West.Tribal-LawSubmissions@thomsonreuters.com or call 1-800-328-9378, ext. 73843. You also may contact James Bryant, NARF's Access to Tribal Law Project Coordinator at NILL at jbryant@narf.org or 303-447-8760 x139.

Please join this path marking effort to raise the stature and visibility of Native American Law, and the fair treatment of Native American issues.