

# WHY YOUR TRIBE SHOULD PUBLISH ITS LAWS ON THE TRIBAL LAW GATEWAY

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## GREATER ACCESS TO TRIBAL LAW STRENGTHENS TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AND PROMOTES JUSTICE IN INDIAN COUNTRY.

### Benefits of publishing your Tribe's laws on the Tribal Law Gateway include:

- Providing tribal citizens and people living in Indian Country easy access to the laws that are applicable to them.
- Promoting awareness of tribal law to raise respect for tribal law in non-tribal legal and policy decision-making.
- Enabling tribal leaders and their attorneys to review existing tribal law provisions to better develop tribal law separate from state and federal laws. By sharing laws and ideas, Tribal Nations can create laws that strengthen sovereignty and reflect traditional values.
- Allowing tribal court judges to look at other Tribes' laws for guidance when their own Tribe's law is silent—rather than looking to state or federal law.
- Promoting academic research with more tribal perspectives to raise awareness of and respect for tribal law outside of Indian Country.

### ABOUT US:

The National Indian Law Library (NILL) is devoted to federal Indian and tribal law. As a part of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), the library serves both NARF attorneys and the public by maintaining a unique and valuable collection of Indian Law resources and providing specialized research on Indian Law topics.

NILL began collecting the laws of Tribal Nations in 1988 through its Access to Tribal Law Project. The collection includes tribal constitutions, codes, ordinances, and resolutions from federally recognized Tribes. Eventually, much of the collection moved online to the Tribal Law Gateway (<https://nill.narf.org/triballaw/>), which serves as a comprehensive list of tribal laws. NILL's goal is for the Gateway to provide access to accurate tribal law information for all federally recognized Tribes, in the format of the Tribe's choosing. Tribal Nations always have the option to remove or change their laws included in the Tribal Law Gateway.

If you have any questions, would like more information, or would like to include your Tribe's laws on the Tribal Law Gateway, please contact the National Indian Law Library at 720-647-9919 or at [TribalLaw@narf.org](mailto:TribalLaw@narf.org).

