

COCOPAH TRIBAL COURT
14515 S. Veterans Drive
Somerton, AZ 85350
(928) 627-2550 Phone
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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AS ADVOCATE

1. Name: _____

2. Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

3. Phone: _____ Fax No.: _____

E-mail: _____

4. Employer: _____

Employer Address: _____

5. Tribal Membership: _____ (attach a copy of your tribal membership card)

6. If you are a member of any State or Tribal Bar, please provide the following for each jurisdiction:
(You must provide a Certificate of Good Standing from each Bar to which you have been admitted)

Jurisdiction	Bar Number	Date of Admission	Status
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

7. If you are not a member of any State Bar, please provide the following:

Education: _____

Legal training: _____

8. List types of Criminal, Civil and Juvenile cases you have handled in any court:

9. Have you ever been suspended, disciplined, or disbarred from any court? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please provide additional information, including the jurisdiction and date of action: _____

10. Are you currently performing any type of work in any tribal court? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please list the name, address, and phone number of the Court and type of case you are involved in:

11. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please provide an explanation. Include the offense, the date of the offense, and the court: _____

12. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please provide an explanation. Include the offense, the date of the offense, and the court: _____

13. Have you been convicted of a crime in any tribal court, or any crime that you have not listed in 11 or 12 above? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, please provide an explanation. Include the offense, the date of the offense, and the court: _____

By making this Application for Admission in the Cocopah Tribal Court, I consent to the release of any information that is required to verify the responses provided in my Application. Such information may be released to the Cocopah Tribal Court, the Cocopah Tribal Police Department, and any agency authorized by the Cocopah Tribal Court or Cocopah Tribal Police Department. I understand that I have a continuing obligation to keep the Cocopah Tribal Court timely advised in writing of any changes in or additions to the information provided in this Application. I agree to provide any additional information requested by the Cocopah Tribal Court in consideration of my application. I understand that it is my responsibility to be familiar with the Tribal laws applicable to any matter in which I appear as an Advocate in the Cocopah Tribal Court.

I affirm that the statements in this document are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVOCATE APPLICATION:

- Completed Application
- Copy of Tribal ID
- Completed fingerprint card
- Certificates of Good Standing from all other jurisdictions (if applicable)
- Payment of \$25.00 Application fee

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION AS AN ADVOCATE (from CLOC Art. II, Ch. 6 § 2):

Lay Advocates. A lay advocate is a member of the Cocopah Indian Tribe or another federally recognized tribe. A lay advocate is not an attorney and may be admitted to practice before the courts of the Cocopah Indian Tribe so long as the advocate:

- a. Completes and files an application approved by the Chief Judge of the Cocopah Indian Tribal Court, submitting proof of good standing from all tribal courts to which said applicant has been admitted to practice;
- b. Has not been convicted in any court (i) of a misdemeanor within the last seven (7) years prior to application or (ii) of a felony;
- c. Certifies that he or she has read and understood these Rules in their entirety;
- d. Earns a passing score on the bar examination administered by the Chief Judge of the Cocopah Indian Tribal Court; and
- e. Appears before the Tribal Court and makes oath to uphold all Cocopah Indian tribal laws, ordinances, rules of courts and procedures.
- f. Has not been disbarred by any jurisdiction;
- g. Is not under suspension from the practice of law by any jurisdiction;

Misstatements on Admission. In connection with a person's application for admission to the tribal bar, such person shall not make any statement which the person knows or should know is false and misleading, nor shall the person fail to disclose any fact or information which the person knows or should know is material to such application.

ADMISSION AS AN ADVOCATE

First, you must submit your completed Application and all required documents. If your Application is provisionally approved, your fingerprint card will be sent to law enforcement to complete your background check. If your application is provisionally approved, you may obtain a copy of the Cocopah Law and Order Code from the Clerk of Court.

If your background check is acceptable, the Clerk of Court will contact you to schedule a time for you to take the Cocopah Bar Exam.

If you earn a passing score on the Cocopah Bar Exam, the Clerk of Court will contact you to schedule a time for you to appear before this Court to be sworn in as an Advocate.