



Claudette C. White

Claudette C. White, is an enrolled member of the Quechan Indian Tribe located in Winterhaven, CA and Yuma, AZ. She was appointed as the Chief Judge of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians the beginning of 2018 and is actively working hard to further expand the Court and to create collaborative relationships with the local state and tribal jurisdictions. Prior to serving at San Manuel Tribal Court, Judge White spent (12) years serving the Quechan Indian Tribe as Chief Judge and also sitting as a pro tem judge in the following court's in the trial divisions and appellate; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Tribe, Tonto Apache Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe. She has worked to help ensure justice by collaborating with local and neighboring jurisdictions and by working with stakeholders to develop new alternatives and by making efforts to educate state counterparts about tribal courts to ensure tribal court recognition and to strengthen comity. Judge White is a 1995 graduate of Northern Arizona University having majored in Criminal Justice and received her J.D. in 2005 from the Sandra Day O'Conner School of Law at Arizona State University with a special certificate in Federal Indian Law. She serves as an appointed member to the California Tribal and State Court Forum and the Arizona Tribal, State, Federal Court Forum as well as the California Child Welfare Council. Judge White has been working to incorporate concepts of restorative justice in court by utilizing tribal custom and tradition and focuses on alternatives to standard punitive measures.