



Richard Blake

Richard Blake is a proud member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe. In July 2018, he retired from the Hoopa Valley Tribal Court bench after 17 years. Judge Blake remains as Chief Judge for the Redding Rancheria, Judge of the Tolowa Dee-ni Nation Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court and appellate Justice for the Cow Creek Tribe. He is the President of the Board of the National American Indian Court Judges Association and is the founder of the Northern California Tribal Court Coalition, which currently has a membership of five northern California Tribal Court including Hoopa, Yurok, Smith River, Trinidad Rancheria, Bear River and Karuk Tribes. He was also appointed Co-Chair of the California Tribal State Forum, immortalized by California Rules of Court and recognized by the California Judicial Council in February 2016 and is a member of the National Council of Juvenile & Family Court Judges.