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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #6  
ADMISSION TO TRIBAL COURT BAR

A person who has been admitted as an attorney of the highest judicial court of any tribe, state district or territory may apply to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court for admission on motion under the following conditions:

1. They supply a current (within 90 days) “Certificate of Admission and Good Standing” or similar document issued by the highest judicial court of each tribe, state, district or territory to which the applicant is admitted attesting that they are admitted to a tribal or state bar.
2. They sign the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court application and affidavit.
3. They pay an admission fee of \$150 for their first year and \$75 each year thereafter to maintain their active status. The fee for inactive status is \$25 per year.
4. They agree that they will report any order of disbarment, suspension, reprimand, censure or other disqualification to practice law or any revocation, suspension, reprimand, censure or other restriction placed upon any other license held by the attorney.
5. They attest to the following:
  - a) They have been accorded an opportunity to review all the laws of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and that they agree to uphold those laws.
  - b) They have reviewed all the administrative orders issued by the Tribal Court.
  - c) They are familiar with and agree to be subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court.
  - d) They have never been disbarred, suspended, reprimanded, censured, or disqualified as an attorney or as a holder of any public office in any other jurisdiction.

- e) They have never held a license, other than as an attorney at law, the procurement of which required proof of good character (e.g. certified public accountant, real estate broker, etc.) and that, in the event that they have, that such license had never been suspended or revoked.
- f) They swear that they have never been charged with or been the subject of any investigation for a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic charge.

If the applicant is unable to swear to any of the above matters then the applicant may request a meeting with the Chief Judge of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court to explain the circumstance surrounding the matter(s) not sworn to. The Chief Judge may examine the applicant and any documents relating to the matter. If the Chief Judge is satisfied that the applicant is of good character and qualified to practice before the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court then the Chief Judge may sign an order admitting the applicant. If the Chief Judge declines to sign the order then the applicant may request a formal hearing before a three judge panel of the Tribal Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2010.

BY THE COURT:



Henry J. Sockbeson, Chief Judge  
Mashpee Wampanoag Supreme Court