

TRIBAL COURTS

Tribal courts serve the various tribes throughout the state. Federal law requires some matters to be heard exclusively, or at least in the first instance, in tribal courts. New Mexico law recognizes the importance of tribal court rulings. Although each tribal court is different with its own rules and protocols, it may be the appropriate forum for cases which affect Indian tribal government interests, involve Indian people, or arise on Indian land.

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