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## “Tribal Justice”

a film by  
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**Tribal Justice** shows two tribal court judges in California incorporating traditional ways in their courtroom procedures in order to forge systems of justice that focus on restoring rather than punishing offenders.

“There’s a winner and loser when you walk out of state court, straight up. That isn’t okay here; it does not resolve the issue.”

-Abby Abinanti, Yurok Tribal Judge



“Tribal legal systems hold up an example to the nation about the possibilities of alternative dispute resolution. Their new methods have much to offer to the tribal communities, and much to teach the other court systems operating in the United States.”

-The Honorable Sandra Day O’Connor

**Tribal Justice** follows two extraordinary Native American women, both chief judges for their tribes’ courts: Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge of the Yurok Tribe on the northwest coast of California, and Claudette White, Chief Judge of the Quechuan Tribe in the southeastern desert near Yuma, California. Basing restorative justice practices on ancient traditional methods of resolving disputes, they create ways for offenders to right wrongs and restore balance to the community.

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