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### **Title**

## **Indian Child Welfare Act | Best Practices Guide for California Courts and Judicial Officers (No Action Required)**

### **Summary**

In collaboration with the Office of Government Affairs, staff of the Tribal Court-State Court Forum have created a toolkit of state court best practices, policies, procedures, and tips for enhancing court compliance with the requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), and improving outcomes for Indian children, families, and tribes interacting with the California state courts in cases governed by ICWA.

### **Speakers**

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