

THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL COURT

Standing Order Regarding Remote Hearing Access and Remote Filing

Hearing Format

The Court may hold hearings in person in the Tribal Courtroom, by videoconference, or, if circumstances require, by phone conference. Parties may request their preferred format, but the decision of which format to use for a particular hearing shall be at the discretion of the presiding judge.

The official videoconference platform of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court is Zoom. Any hearing that a presiding judge allows to be conducted via videoconference will be conducted via Zoom.

E-Filing

The definition of "filing" pleadings and other documents with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court remains as stated in M.P.R.C.P. 5(e).¹

In addition to the filing method prescribed in M.P.R.C.P. 5(e) and subsequent to the proper commencement of an action, the filing of further pleadings or documents may be made via:

- (1) E-mail to the clerk of the court at CourtClerk@mptn-nsn.gov; or
- (2) Fax using the appropriate fax-filing form of the Tribal Court.

¹ "The filing of pleadings and other papers with the court as required by these Rules shall be made by causing them with the applicable fee to be placed physically in the possession of the clerk of the court, except that a judge or magistrate may permit the papers to be placed with that judge or magistrate, in which event the judge or magistrate shall note thereon the filing date and forthwith transmit them to the office of the clerk."

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A pleading or document may **NOT** be filed electronically or via fax where it:

- (A) Exceeds 40 pages;
- (B) Requires an oath or affirmation at execution; or
- (C) Requires a fee in order to be filed.

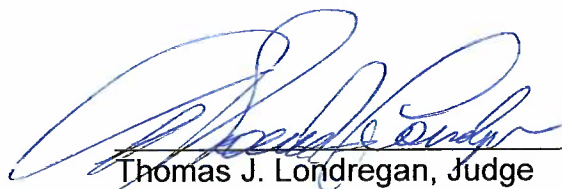
Where the exhibits or attachments to a pleading cause it to exceed 40 pages, the pleading itself may be filed via fax or e-mail, but the exhibits or attachments must be placed physically in the possession of the clerk of the court. Regardless of the number of pages, pleadings or documents that require an oath or affirmation at execution or that require a fee in order to be filed must be placed physically in the possession of the clerk of the court.

Transmission Record

During the pendency of an action and applicable appellate processes, the filing party shall retain a signed copy of the original pleading or document that was filed via fax or e-mail. The transmission record for all filings shall be the transmission record of the filing party.

SO ORDERED

April 9, 2025


Thomas J. Londregan, Judge

**THE CHIEF JUDGE OF
THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL COURT**