

REFLECTIONS ON TRIBAL JUSTICE: CONVERSATIONS WITH NATIVE AMERICAN JUDGES

In preparation for this special issue, staff from the Center for Court Innovation conducted a series of interviews with tribal court judges from across the country. The resulting discussions touched upon a wide range of issues, including the relationship between tribal courts and tribal sovereignty, the impact of U.S. Supreme Court decisions on tribal communities, the historical development of tribal courts, and many other important topics. These transcripts, which have been lightly edited for space but not for content or language, describe some of the unique challenges facing tribal justice systems and highlight new (and traditional) ideas for strengthening tribal justice systems for the future.