



Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation
SAN MANUEL TRIBAL COURT

In Re:

PUBLIC ACCESS TO
COURT PROCEEDINGS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2026-002

The San Manuel Tribal Court recognizes the importance of maintaining transparency in judicial proceedings while also protecting confidentiality, privacy interests, and sensitive information as required by Tribal law. As questions have arisen regarding which Tribal Court proceedings may be attended or observed by members of the public and which proceedings are restricted from public access, clarification is necessary to ensure parties, court staff, attorneys, advocates, and members of the public understand the distinction between open and closed court proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Open Court Proceedings

Open court proceedings are open to observation by members of the public either in person – subject to courtroom rules and capacity limitations – or through a remote platform authorized by the Court.

The following proceedings are deemed open to the public unless otherwise ordered by the Court for a specific matter:

- Tort- Slip and Fall Cases
- Human Resources Cases
- Administrative Review Appeals
- Workers' Compensation Cases
- Any other proceeding designated by Tribal law or Court order as open to public observation

2. Closed Court Proceedings

Closed court proceedings are not open to observation by members of the public in person or through a remote platform unless the Court has specifically granted specific authorization to observe.

The following proceedings are deemed closed to the public unless otherwise ordered by the Court for a specific matter:



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- Disorderly Conduct Proceedings
- Guardianship Proceedings
- Mental Health Proceedings
- Domestic Violence Proceedings
- Any proceedings involving a Tribal Citizen of Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation
- Any proceeding otherwise designated confidential by Tribal law, Court rule, or Court order

3. Court Authority

Nothing in this Administrative Order limits the authority of a Judge to close a proceeding otherwise open to the public or permit attendance at a closed proceeding when authorized by Tribal law and deemed appropriate by the Court.

4. Public Notice

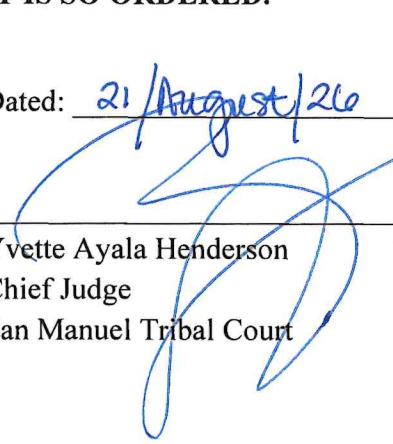
The Court Clerk shall make this Administrative Order available to the public and shall provide information regarding public access to hearings upon request.

5. Effective Date

This Administrative Order shall become effective immediately upon execution and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 21 August 2020



Yvette Ayala Henderson
Chief Judge
San Manuel Tribal Court

