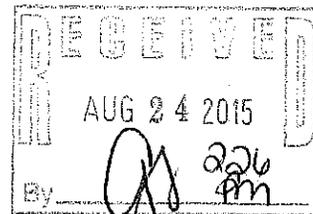


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Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians,

**Petitioner,**

S. Garrett Beck,

**Case No. C-185-0713**

Hon. Timothy P. Connors

**Respondent,**

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**Order Denying Respondent's Motions for Relief and Reconsideration of the  
Opinion and Order of March 24, 2014.**

On June 18, 2015, Respondent, S. Garrett Beck filed two motions with the same heading. Both motions were entitled "Respondent's Motion For Relief From And Motion For Reconsideration Of Opinion And Order Granting LTBB's Request For Relief On S. Garret Beck's Citation For Contempt". One motion enumerated 23 paragraphs, the other 42. The first paragraph of each motion indicates it seeks relief from this Court's Opinion and Order of March 24, 2014. Arguably, the pleadings also appear to seek relief from the Trial Court for its July 23, 2013 and December 29, 2014 Orders of Findings of Contempt against respondent. The last order revokes Respondent's privilege to practice law in the Tribal Court and awards \$5,000.00 in attorney fees against him.

Both motions are untimely.

Both motions are denied.

**Applicable Law**

The Rules of Civil Procedure are governed by Chapter 3 of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Court.

“A judgment is any final order of a trial judge made after a trial from which an appeal is available. No special form of judgment is required.” Rule XXIII Section 1.

Within 14 days after entry of judgment, a party may petition the court for a new trial or amendment of judgment. The grounds for such a petition include irregularities, judicial misconduct, newly discovered evidence, excessive damages or error in law. Rule XXVI

Appeals of Orders “may be taken to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Court of Appeals in accordance with the Appellate Rules of the Court.” Rule XXXII

Appellate Procedures are governed by Chapter 7 of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

After entry, parties have 28 days to appeal a final order or decision of the Trial Court. Rule 7.401 (A).

Unless leave is granted by the Appellate Court for late filing of an appeal, failure to comply with the time requirements deprives the Tribal Appellate Court of subject matter jurisdiction to hear the appeal. Rule 7.401 (D).

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The July 23, 2013 Order, the March 24, 2014 Opinion and Order and the December 29, 2014 Order are judgments under the Court Rules.

All of the grounds for relief that Respondent alleges from those orders should have been filed within fourteen days of each of their entries in the Trial Court. Respondent failed to do so. His pleadings were filed on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, over roughly one half a year to almost two years after the various orders were entered.

Had Respondent sought Appellate Relief from any of those orders, he is long past the filing deadline (28 days after entry instead of 14 days in the Trial Court). Respondent cites the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in support of his motions. While not applicable here, it is noteworthy that he is far from compliance with those Rules as well.

## **CONCLUSION**

Respondents motions are untimely.

Respondents motions are denied.

Petitioner may seek costs.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

05-18-2015

**Hon. Timothy P. Connors, Judge Pro Tem  
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians**