LTBB AR—001: BACKLOG REPORTS

(A) Time. Matters under submission to a tribal court judge or the appellate court should be determined promptly. Short deadlines should be set for presentation of briefs and affidavits and for production of transcripts. Decisions, when possible, should be made from the bench or written within a few days of submission; otherwise a decision should be rendered no later than 45 days after submission to the trial court and within 90 days after submission to the appellate court. For the purpose of this rule, the time of submission is the time the last argument or presentation in the matter was made, or the expiration of the time allowed for filing the last brief or production of transcripts, as the case may be.

(B) Report as to Matters Undecided. On the first business day of January, April, July, and October of each year, every tribal court judge and the appellate court chief justice shall file a backlog report with the court administrator. The statement shall provide information on all matters pending during the reporting period that were not decided within 45 or 90 days from submission, as required. The judge or justice shall state the reason that a decision was not made within the required time frame. A report is required regardless of whether there is any case to report. The Court Administrator shall distribute the quarterly backlog reports to the members of the Judiciary.

ORDER

This Administrative Rule, having been amended at the February 4, 2008 meeting of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Judiciary, is hereby adopted by the Little Traverse Bay Bands Tribal Court. It is so ordered.

Date: February 4, 2008

Honorable JoAnne Gasco

JoAnne Gasco, Chief Judge
Little Traverse Bay Bands
of Odawa Indians Tribal Court