

NON-REMOVABLE MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

IN THE COURT OF CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Getting Married in Tribal Court

STEP 1

Planning the Wedding

- You must obtain a marriage license from the county in which you reside 5 or more days prior to the wedding. There is a 5 day waiting period. The marriage license will expire in 6 months if you are not legally married within that time frame.
- Determine the date, time and location of the wedding.
- Determine if you are writing your vows or would like the Court to provide the vows.
- Contact Tribal Court as far in advance as possible, but at least 2 weeks prior to the planned date to schedule the wedding. Tribal Court will try to accommodate your request but scheduled court hearings have priority.
- Obtain 2 witnesses who are at least 16 years old to be present at the wedding. You must provide the witnesses' full legal name and address for the marriage license.

STEP 2

The Wedding

- Arrive to Tribal Court at least 20 minutes prior to the wedding so the Court can complete your marriage license. If you decide to marry at another location, you **MUST** go to Tribal Court prior to the wedding to complete your marriage license.
- Ensure your witnesses are present.
- If you prepared your vows, remember to bring them with you.
- Tribal Court will provide an officiator to legally perform the ceremony.

STEP 3

After the Wedding

- Tribal Court will provide you with a copy of your marriage license.
- Tribal Court will file the original in the county where it was obtained.

Note: If you need a certified copy of your marriage license, you must apply for it in the county where it was obtained and filed.