

INFORMATION RELATING TO
CIVIL PROCEDURE IN THE
MILLE LACS BAND OF CHIPPEWA COURT OF CENTRAL JURISDICTION

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Prospective attorneys are advised to be familiar with the following:

1. Mille Lacs Band Statutes Annotated. A reprint of the Band Statutes Annotated was distributed in March 2006. It contains amendments received through May 14, 2004. Copies may be obtained by contacting the Office of Solicitor General at 320-532-7482.

The most current version of the Band Statutes may be found on the Mille Lacs Band website at http://millelacsband.com/Page_BandStatutes.aspx. An inventory of new ordinances is available at <http://millelacsband.com/pdf/StatutesSectionBySection.pdf>.

2. Court Rules. Court Rules governing the procedures of the District Court are established by Court Order 45, effective November 18, 2009 and available at <http://millelacsband.com/pdf/District%20Court%20Rules.pdf>. Court Rules of the Court of Appeals are established by Court Order 46, effective November 18, 2009 and available at <http://millelacsband.com/pdf/Appellate%20Court%20Rules.pdf>. **Please note that all pleadings and proposed orders filed with the Court shall have a two-inch top margin on the first page to allow room for the file stamp.** Court Order 45, § I, Rule 6.

3. Attorney Rules. Court Rules governing attorneys before the Court are established by Court Order 45 § XIV, Rule 128 and Court Order 46 § VIII, Rules 52-60.

Membership in Mille Lacs Band Bar Association is controlled by Court Order 46, § VIII, Rule 56. To apply for membership, an attorney shall submit a certificate certifying the attorney's good standing from his/her resident state bar along with a completed copy of the attached application and applicable dues.

4. Priority of Law. The priority of law applicable in civil actions is governed by 24 MLBSA § 2007. (Note the incorporation of traditional theory of law sha wa ni ma. 24 MLBSA § 2003.) See, generally, Judicial Proceedings, 24 MLBSA, available at <http://millelacsband.com/pdf/StatutesTitle24.pdf>.

5. Questions? Please call the Court at 320-532-7400.