

# AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS BAR ASSOCIATION

## Rule 25. Procedure for Admission

Attorneys seeking admission to the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Bar Association must submit:

1. A completed application for admission.
2. Pay annual bar admission fee of \$200.00 at the time of application submission.
3. Attach certificate of good standing issued within the last six months from any state bar with no disciplinary proceedings pending.
4. Signed Attorney Oath (to be taken before a notary).
5. Be knowledgeable of applicable federal, state, and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians tribal law.
6. Conform to the standards of conduct promulgated by the American Bar Association in the performance of his or her professional duties.
7. Agree to notify this Court within 5 days of any changes in your name or business information by submitting an updated application for admission.
8. Release Authorization form for Background Check (to be taken before a notary).

## Admission:

Your admission to the Bar of this Court will not be effective until we have received your completed application to ensure you are qualified for admission, and payment.

Once your eligibility has been confirmed, you should receive confirmation of your admission by email within 10-15 days. Your admission certificate should be mailed to you within approximately four to five weeks.



1. List the names and location of all courts where you are currently permitted to practice or previously practiced: \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Have you ever been disciplined, disbarred, sanctioned, or suspended from practice before any court, department, bureau, or commission of the United States, Commonwealth, or District of Columbia, or have you received any public or private reprimands from any such entity pertaining to your conduct as a member of the bar?       Yes       No
  
3. Are there any disciplinary proceedings currently pending against you?       Yes       No
  
4. Have you been convicted of a crime (other than a civil traffic violation)?       Yes       No
  
5. Have you ever had a complaint or action (including, but not limited to, allegations of fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, forgery, or malpractice) initiated against you in any administrative forum?       Yes       No
  
6. Do you currently have any condition or impairment (including, but not limited to, substance abuse, alcohol abuse, or a mental, emotional, or nervous disorder or condition) that in any way affects your ability to practice law in a competent, ethical, and professional manner?       Yes       No

If you answer yes to any of the questions in this paragraph you must provide a detailed explanation on a separate sheet and attach any relevant documentation concerning your answer.

Please indicate the area(s) of law in which you practice or have knowledge of:

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil – Tort                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil – Domestic Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil – Commercial/monies owed/Contract | <input type="checkbox"/> Dependency Court           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil – ACBCI representation only       | <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Traffic              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord/Tenant                         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____                   |   |

**Please indicate your preference:**

- Please make public my availability to provide legal services
- DO NOT want my status as a practitioner provided to the general public.

I declare under penalty of perjury that all of the above information is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FOR COURT USE ONLY**

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ ACBCI Membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved                       Not Approved

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Judge, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Court

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**TRIBAL BAR OATH OF OFFICE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of a member of the Bar of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Court to the best of my knowledge and ability. As an officer of the court, I will strive to conduct myself at all times with dignity, courtesy and integrity.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

(Seal)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## RELEASE AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR BACKGROUND CHECK

I hereby authorized all educational institutes which I have attended, all branches of the US military service in which I have served, all of my former employers, all credit bureaus, all law enforcement agencies and court systems, and all of their representatives, to furnish to the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Court or its representatives, any and all information concerning my education, military services, former and current employment, credit history, and criminal arrests and convictions. In addition, I hereby agree to hold all of said institutions, services, employers, bureaus, law enforcement agencies, courts and representatives harmless from and against any and all actions, causes of action, demands, liabilities, losses, damages, injuries, costs or expense of whatever kind in nature, including attorney's fees and reasonable expenses which may arise as a result of the furnishing of information to the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Court. Copies of this form shall serve as the original form for release of information and release of liability purposes.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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State of California

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On \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

(Seal)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_