IN THE TRIBAL COURT FOR THE ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2016-3.1

ORDER CONCERNING MEDIA RELATIONS AND REQUESTS

WHEREAS, the Court understands obligation of print and broadcast media to report the news;

WHEREAS, the Court sees the need to protect the privacy of individuals appearing before the Court; and

WHEREAS, the Court sees the need to maintain the impartiality and integrity of the Court.

THEREFORE, it is the Order of the Court that the following protocol be followed regarding the sharing of information with print and broadcast journalists:

- 1. The Point of Contact for media inquiries shall be the Chief Judge unless the Chief Judge is presiding over the case. In the event the Chief Judge is presiding over the case in question, the Court Administrator will be the Point of Contact.
- 2. All media inquiries will be directed to the Point of Contact through the court clerk.
- All requests for records will be directed to the Point of Contact in writing. For reference, look to Title 2 Sec. 103 CCOJ, for information on records of the Court. http://fptc.org/ccoj/title_2/sections/sec_103.pdf
- 4. The Point of Contact will not disclose specific information regarding the case in question but is permitted to provide Court information pertaining to the date and time of hearings/trials for the case.
- 5. The Point of Contact may answer questions concerning general court procedure as it pertains to the case in question.

This policy shall remain in effect until further notice or until superseded by future policy.

DATED THIS 3 DAY OF March , 2016.

Stacie Crawford

Chief Judge