

**UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION**

**Request for Applications; Tribal Issues Advisory Group**

**AGENCY:** United States Sentencing Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In view of an upcoming vacancy in the membership of the Tribal Issues Advisory Group currently occupied by a federal judge, the United States Sentencing Commission hereby invites any individual who has expertise, knowledge and/or experience in the issues considered by the Tribal Issues Advisory Group to apply to be appointed to the advisory group. An applicant for membership of the Tribal Issues Advisory Group should apply by sending a letter of interest and a resume to the Commission as indicated in the ADDRESSES section below.

**DATES:** Application materials for membership of the Tribal Issues Advisory Group should be received not later than **September 19, 2025**.

**ADDRESSES:** An applicant for membership of the Tribal Issues Advisory Group should apply by sending a letter of interest and a resume to the Commission by electronic

mail or regular mail. The email address is [pubaffairs@ussc.gov](mailto:pubaffairs@ussc.gov). The regular mail address is United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle NE, Suite 2-500, South Lobby, Washington, DC 20002-8002, Attention: Public Affairs – TIAG Membership.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Dukes, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, (202) 502-4597. More information about the Tribal Issues Advisory Group is available on the Commission’s website at <http://www.ussc.gov/about/who-we-are/advisory-groups>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

The Tribal Issues Advisory Group is a standing advisory group of the United States Sentencing Commission established pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 995 and Rule 5.4 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. Under the charter for the Tribal Issues Advisory Group, the purpose of the advisory group is (1) to assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory responsibilities under 28 U.S.C. 994(o); (2) to provide to the Commission its views on federal sentencing issues relating to American Indian and

Alaska Native defendants and victims, and to offenses committed in Indian country;

(3) to engage in meaningful consultation and outreach with tribes, tribal governments, and tribal organizations regarding federal sentencing issues that have tribal implications;

(4) to disseminate information regarding federal sentencing issues to tribes, tribal governments, and tribal organizations; and (5) to perform any other related functions as the Commission requests. The advisory group consists of no more than nine members, each of whom may serve not more than two consecutive three-year terms. Of those nine members, not more than one shall be a federal judge; two shall be from the Executive Branch (one from the United States Department of Justice and one from the United States Department of the Interior); one shall be from a federal public defender organization or community defender organization; one shall be a tribal court judge; and not more than four shall be at-large members.

Members of the Tribal Issues Advisory Group are appointed by the Commission. To be eligible to serve as a member, an individual must have expertise, knowledge and/or experience in the issues considered by the Tribal Issues Advisory Group. The Commission intends that the at-large membership shall include individuals with membership in or experience with tribes, tribal governments, and tribal organizations, appointed in a manner that ensures representation among tribal communities diverse in size, geographic location, and other unique characteristics.

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**Authority:** 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), 995; USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 2.2(c), 5.4.

**Carlton W. Reeves,**

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