

1 PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT
2 P.O. BOX 257 / 221 HWY 447
3 NIXON, NV 8424
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6 **ANSWER/RESPONSE**
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8 **PACKET INCLUDES INSTRUCTIONS AND FILING PROCESS**
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10 **ATTENTION: THIS PACKET IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY**
11 **OR ADVOCATE. COUNSEL IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED FOR LEGAL MATTERS.**

12 **The laws governing the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation allow any person to represent**
13 **him/herself in any legal action heard in the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court. However, filing**
14 **Petitions/Application/Complaints with the Court and representing yourself in the**
15 **Courtroom can involve complex legal matters. This packet only addresses a few legal**
16 **issues involved in bringing your matter before Court.**

17 **When appearing pro se, Latin for “on one’s own behalf”, you are responsible for**
18 **understanding the law that governs your case and for filing the correct legal documents.**
19 **The laws and rules are set out in the Pyramid Lake Law & Order Code, the Federal Rules**
20 **of Civil Procedure, and the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court Operational Procedures.**

21 **When you return to the Court and sign these documents for filing, the Court assumes**
22 **that all documents are read carefully and all potential outcomes of litigation in this matter**
23 **are understood.**

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26 ****BEFORE FILING IN ANY PORTION OF THE PETITION, READ ALL MATERIALS**
27 **AND, IF NEEDED, REQUEST CLARIFICATION FROM THE COURT STAFF.****
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1. Fill out the Answer/Response completely. Use blue or black ink only to fill out the form and print the information neatly. DO NOT USE WITE-OUT or any other fluid/tape on the forms. The Notice will not be accepted by the Court personnel if correction fluid/tape is used.

** Also, the following section of the Pyramid Lake Law & Order Code (herein after "P.L.L.O.C.") references the statute of limitations which gives a time limit to file an Appeal: §3.2.306: "Any party may appeal a final decision or judgment of the Tribal Court by filing a written notice of Appeal with the Clerk of the Court within thirty (30) calendar days of service of the formal notice of the entry of the Judge's decision."

2. Write the Plaintiff or Applicant above "Defendant/Respondent";
3. Write the type of complaint you are responding to";
4. Write the date the complaint was filed;
5. Write your name on the line after "Comes Now";
6. On Section I: Write if you agree with any of the allegations and which ones;
7. On Section II: Write if you disagree with any of the allegations and which ones;
8. On Section III: Write if you have no knowledge of the allegations;
9. Once the Answer/Response is complete and ready to be filed submit the filing fee (\$15.00) and the Answer/Response to Court Personnel. Please ensure you give a copy to the opposing party prior to filing.
10. Once the Answer/Response is received, if requested by parties, the Court personnel will serve the opposing party with the Motion. They will have 14 days to respond, then the matter will be set for a hearing.

IF THERE ARE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT AT (775) 574-1094.

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**IN THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE
PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

Plaintiff,) Case No. PL.
vs.) ANSWER/RESPONSE
Defendant.)

Defendant/Respondent, _____, answers
(Your Name)
the _____ filed herein on _____ as follows:
(Type of Complaint/Petition) (Date Complaint, etc. filed)

On the lines below, list the paragraphs in the Complaint or Petition that you agree. Make sure ALL the information in each paragraph is correct and you agree with ALL the information.

I.

Defendant agrees with allegations in Paragraphs _____

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II.

On the lines below, list the paragraphs in the Complaint/Petition with which you disagree.

Defendant disagrees with the claims in Paragraphs_____

III.

On the lines below, list any paragraphs in the Complaint/Petition which you do not understand or you do not know whether the contents are true or false.

Defendant has no knowledge of the allegations in Paragraphs_____

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and, therefore, denies said allegations.

Done and dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Defendant/Respondent

Subscribed and sworn to me on this _____ day of _____,
20_____.

Court Clerk/Notary Public

**\$15.00 Filing Fee when Answer/Response is returned and filed with
the Court.**