

Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Court Foreign Judgement

Process:

Please use the following process when filing a wage garnishment request:

1. File a Petition to Register a Foreign Judgment if you received your judgment from another court. You must attach a certified copy of the foreign judgment to the petition. There is a \$25.00 filing fee that must be included with this petition.
2. Complete the Earnings Garnishment Notice and Earnings Garnishment Exemption Notice and submit them along with the Petition to Register a Foreign Judgment. There is a \$50.00 filing fee for judgments of less than \$5000 and a \$75.00 filing fee for judgments over \$5000.
3. You must provide one original and two copies of each of these documents when filing them with the court. You must also include a self-addressed, prepaid envelope to receive your file stamped copy back.
4. Due to the high volume of pro se litigants in tribal court we have created a process to help with serving the documents upon the debtor/defendant.
 - a) LCO Tribal Court will serve the debtor/defendant by certified mail if a mailing address is provided along with the current \$10.00 fee.
 - b) LCO Tribal Court will provide the documents to the LCO Tribal Police Department to be served by the police department if the debtor/defendant lives or works on or near the Reservation and a check for \$25.00 is included.
 - c) The creditor or their attorney has the option to have the documents served and provide an Affidavit of Service to the LCO Tribal Court once service is complete. If you choose to serve the debtor, make sure to provide them with all filed documents, as well as the Earnings Garnishment Debtor's Answer.
5. Please do not list LCO Tribal Court as the Garnishee. Please refer to the list of payrolls/entities for Lac Courte Oreilles listed on the website. You are required to contact the individual payroll department to verify employment; LCO Tribal Court cannot verify employment for these entities.

Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Court staff will be happy to answer any questions about this process. Please feel free to contact us by phone, email or in person. Thank you.