



California Indian Legal Services;

Protecting Justice & Culture for California Tribes

Fall 2010 Fundraising Campaign

CILS Mission

California Indian Legal Services (CILS) is a not-for-profit law firm devoted exclusively to the cause of Native American rights. Governed by a Board of Trustees selected by California tribes and the State Bar, CILS has provided free and low-cost legal services to California tribes and Native American individuals for more than forty years. Our mission is to protect and advance Indian rights, foster Indian self-determination, and facilitate tribal nation-building.

What Your Donation Supports

CILS is committed to providing high caliber legal services to our California Indian communities in the areas of direct Indian law representation, community education and brief services. CILS provides services in a variety of areas including Indian child welfare, cultural resource protection, environmental law, tribal justice system development, Indian trust land protection including will drafting, tribal taxation, public benefits, and more.

While CILS strives to continue to provide a broader array of services, our granting agencies attach certain restrictions to our funding, therefore limiting the types of services we can offer. In order to provide much needed advocacy and representation in certain areas, we must rely on tribal and private donations. Here are some examples of what your contributions will enable CILS to continue to engage in on behalf of California tribes and individuals:

- Legislative Advocacy; California and Nationwide:**
Carcieri v. Salazar, et al.: CILS has and will continue to provide Tribal Alerts to California tribes that include vital information on this landmark Supreme Court case that threatens the federal fee-to-trust process for tribes. CILS advocacy includes visits to Washington D.C., participation in national workgroups, and individual and statewide advice to tribes on how *Carcieri* affects California tribes.
Los Coyotes Band v. Salazar, et al.: On behalf of the Los Coyotes Band, CILS filed suit against the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services (OJS) for denying the Tribe's 638 contract request for law enforcement funding. OJS' denial was based on its policy to not fund law enforcement in P.L. 280 states. The Tribe believes this policy is illegal and a violation of equal protection.
- State & Federal Agency Regulation & Rulemaking & Court Advocacy:**
State Board of Equalization; Publication 146: CILS provided extensive comments to the revision of this important directive affecting taxation and sales to tribes and members on reservations. CILS' efforts mean that the sales and use tax is reduced or eliminated for Native individuals who receive and store – or who presumably use their items on their reservation. CILS continues to monitor the 146 revisions.
- Religious freedom for Native Prisoners:**
Grooming & Sacred Items: CILS developed self-help packets for Native prisoners to advocate for their religious rights to keep and use sacred items, such as prayer pipes, as well as to enforce Native men's rights to protection of hair length in recognition of religious practices. CILS continues to monitor and update information and materials for Native prisoners.
- Over-income Clients:** Many of our low income clients fall slightly above the poverty level making them ineligible for our grant funded services. Most of these Native individuals have no other place to turn. CILS relies on our limited private funds to provide these much needed services. Examples include Indian wills, public benefits issues, tribal trust land issues, and more.

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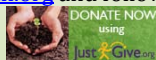
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