

ONEIDA TRIBAL JUDICIARY  
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Melinda Danforth  
Vice Chairwoman  
Oneida Business Committee  
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**RE: Oneida Tribal Judiciary: Adjusted Date of Implementation: OBC Resolution 01-07-13-B**

Dear Vice Chairwoman Danforth:

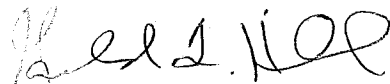
We are writing to inform you that we have determined it is in the best interest of the Oneida Tribe and the Oneida Tribal Court to adjust the date of implementation of the new Judiciary to January 5, 2015 rather than November 1, 2014, as indicated in the OBC Resolution cited above. The adjusted date will not affect the intent of the Resolution but will allow the accommodation of unforeseen delays resulting from two delays in the election of the new judges. This in turn resulted in the need to readdress the proposed training schedule to insure that all personnel as well as the Tribal membership will be informed as to when cases may be filed. Effectively, new cases may be filed on November 1, 2014 under the new system, with the understanding that scheduling of these cases will not be heard until January 5, 2015, or under the old system to be heard by sitting Oneida Judicial Officers under the old rules. The clerks will be informed to provide this information to any inquiries. This will insure that no parties or transition schedules will be delayed by the recommended adjusted date of January 5, 2015.

The delays are not the fault of the Business Committee or the Court and, accordingly the determination to readjust the date of implementation is to accomplish the necessary training and preparations for the new Judges, the Judicial Officers, the staff and facilities, including preparation of the facilities, now expected by the end of November, as well as the physical logistics; e.g. records, hardware, furniture and personnel working arrangements.

Since the delays have occurred and based on our assessment of the situation over the last week, after multiple meetings with Oneida Judicial Officers, Judges, attorneys and personnel it is apparent that the Transition Plan will be a smoother and cleaner by readjusting the Judiciary implementation to January 5, 2015 as set forth above.

We have consulted with and advised existing Court staff as well as advising the new judges-elect as to recommendation to reschedule the start date to January 5, 2015. The remainder of the Resolution is intact, and the date of full implementation of the Oneida Judiciary will not be affected.

Sincerely,



Gerald L. Hill  
Chief Appellate Judge



Denice Beans  
Chief Trial Judge