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**REVISIONS TO ÁLCHÍNÍ BI BEEHAZ'ÁANNII ACT RULES OF PROCEDURE
RELEASED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Revisions to the Rules of Procedure for the Álchíní Bi Beehaz'áannii Act have been released for public comment. The revisions are available on the www.navajocourts.org website on the Judicial District Courts webpage under "ABBA Rules of Procedure April 28, 2013."

When the Navajo Nation Council repealed the Children's Code at 9 N.N.C. §§ 1001-1307 and enacted the Álchíní Bi Beehaz'áannii Act of 2011, effective January 2, 2012 at 9 N.N.C. §§ 1001-1504, the Children's Code Rules of Procedure, originally adopted by Order of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court (No. SC-SP-01-95) on October 4, 1995, became urgently in need of complete revision. On December 4, 2012, the Chief Justice issued Administrative Order 48-2012 *In the Matter of Conforming Rules to New Laws* which required court rules on the Judicial Branch website to be updated on a provisional basis to reflect new statutory changes pending permanent changes to the rules.

The revisions to the Children's Code Rules of Procedure were completed on April 28, 2013. Changes are reflected via strike-through for deletions and dark blue text instead of underlines for additions for ease of practitioner use. As required by Admin Order 48-2012, each change is accompanied by a footnote showing the current statutory provision or case law derived from.

Until permanent rules are adopted by Order of the Supreme Court, these rules are immediately applicable. They reflect the Álchíní Bi Beehaz'áannii Act, relevant case law, and other applicable laws. The rules will continue to be refined until July 31, 2013. Please direct all public input to Karen Francis, Government Relations Officer, at karenfrancis@navajo-nsn.gov.

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