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GARNISHMENT ACT RULES RELEASED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed rules for garnishment proceedings pursuant to the Navajo Nation Ethics in Government Law Garnishment Act of 2005 have been completed. The proposed rules are required under the Navajo Nation Ethics in Government Law Garnishment Act of 2005, which is codified at 2 N.N.C. §§ 3800-3810. The law provides for the remedy of garnishment only for judgments of the Ethics and Rules Committee involving public elected officials and Navajo Nation employees.

The proposed rules are called the Navajo Garnishment Act Rules of Procedure, or N.G.A.R.P. and can be found at <http://www.navajocourts.org/Rules/NGARP.htm> or through a link on the website of the Judicial Branch main page. The proposed rules and forms shall be applicable once permanent rules are adopted by Order of the Supreme Court. The period for consultation as required under 7 N.N.C. § 601 and also for public comment prior to adoption now begins. Forms required under the proposed rules are also being developed.

Public comment and consultation is being sought through May 21, 2013. Please direct all input to Karen Francis, Government Relations Officer, at karenfrancis@navajo-nsn.gov by that date.

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