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## **Judge Voluck Receives 2014 Judge Nora Guinn Award**

The Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska congratulates Magistrate/Judge David Avraham Voluck for receiving the 2014 Alaska Bar Association Board of Governor's 'Judge Nora Guinn Award'. The award seeks to recognize extraordinary and sustained efforts to assist Alaska's rural residents, especially its Native population, in overcoming language and cultural barriers to obtaining justice through the legal system. Judge Voluck is the first Tribal Judge to receive this distinguished honor.



Judge David Avraham Voluck

The Alaska Bar Association presented the award to Judge Voluck on Friday, May 9, 2014, citing his twenty years serving rural and urban Alaska Natives in many different roles, including: tribal judge, Indian law professor, author, and special counsel. Judge Voluck's life's work includes connections to the Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian, Aleut, Eyak, Aleutiiq, Yupik, Dena'ina, and Inupiat communities.

"With so much work yet left to do to improve true justice for Alaska Natives, I view the Judge Nora Quinn Award not so much as an accomplishment, but instead a call to action," remarked Judge Voluck. He asked members at the Alaska Bar Convention to embrace their privilege to serve in Alaska where great cultures meet and can mutually enrich each other and to join in redoubling the effort toward safety and true justice for rural Alaskans.

Judge Voluck serves at the tribal trial court level, presiding over cases involving: Child Support, Paternity, Child Welfare, Domestic Violence, Probate, and Civil Disputes. If you or your family have a matter that may be properly handled in Tribal Court, feel free to contact the Tribal Court Clerk at 907.463.7165 for assistance with forms and filing.

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