

CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL

Announcement and Condolences

We announce with much sadness and grief that California Child Welfare Council councilmember and Tribal Court-State Court Forum Member, Judge Claudette White, died on Saturday, February 6, 2021, from COVID-19 complications. Council Members will remember her from the Beyond the Bench featured documentary, "[Tribal Justice](#)", which highlighted to worldwide audiences the value, traditions and innovation of tribal justice systems while she was serving as Chief Judge of the Quechan Tribal Court. Judge White shared her passion and wealth of knowledge through numerous judicial related educational endeavors and initiatives, including a 2018 production with the Center for Judicial Education and Research "[The Indian Civil Rights Act: Fifty Years Later](#);" the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and Foster Care; and the Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Initiative (KKIS). Judge White was an incredible person who left a great legacy for all our communities. Her lifetime efforts to prevent violence and child sexual trafficking, along with her strong commitments to improving educational and foster care outcomes have made a notable difference for families and children in California. An Agave Community Fund established for her family: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/community-grant-for-claudette-white>

