



CATAWBA NATION TRIBAL COURTS

Catawba Indian Nation

996 Avenue of the Nations

Rock Hill, SC 29730

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 25-AO-0001

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ADOPTING**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

**WHEREAS**, the Court recognizes the importance of consistency, predictability and procedural fairness in civil proceedings;

**WHEREAS**, the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure provide a well-established and comprehensive framework for the conduct of civil litigation;

**WHEREAS**, the Court finds it necessary and appropriate to adopt uniform procedural rules to guide litigants, counsel and the Court in the administration of justice;

It is therefore,

**ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:**

1. Adoption of Rules – the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure are hereby adopted for use in the Catawba Nation Tribal Courts for all civil proceedings, to the extent they do not conflict with Catawba Nation laws, ordinances or specific Tribal Court rules.
2. Modifications and Exceptions – The Court reserves the authority to modify, supplement, or deviate from the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure on a case-by-case basis as justice requires or as otherwise provided by Tribal law.

3. Effective Date and Duration – This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until amended or rescinded by further order of the Court.
4. Notice to Parties – Parties appearing before the Court shall be deemed to have notice of this Order and are expected to comply with its provisions.

**DONE AND ORDERED** on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

*T.W. Trueblood*

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**THE HONORABLE JUDGE T.W. TRUEBLOOD**  
Acting Chief Judge