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BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE EXPLORES LESSONS LEARNED FROM TRIBAL JUDGES REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF TRIBAL LAW AND ORDER ACT'S ENHANCED SENTENCING AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON - The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, today announced the release of *Enhanced Sentencing in Tribal Courts: Lessons Learned From Tribes*. The publication, funded by BJA, was created in partnership with the American Probation and Parole Association, the National Tribal Judicial Center, and the Tribal Judicial Institute.

The publication provides a brief overview of changes under the Tribal Law and Order Act regarding enhanced sentencing authority in tribal courts; offers considerations for corrections professionals regarding enhanced sentencing authority; and provides tribes with a checklist to help guide discussions on implementation of the new sentencing authority and corrections issues. Lastly, this publication provides information on financial resources to fund enhanced sentencing authority implementation.

TITLE: *Enhanced Sentencing in Tribal Courts: Lessons Learned From Tribes*

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WHERE: <https://www.bja.gov/Publications/TLOA-TribalCtsSentencing.pdf>.

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