



# Nooksack Indian Tribe

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Re: *Galanda, et. al. v. Bernard, et. al.*, Case No. 2016-CI-CL-001 [sic]  
*Galanda, et. al. v. Bernard, et. al.*, Case No. 2016-CI-CL-002  
*In re Galanda v. Nooksack Tribal Court and Nooksack Indian Tribe*, Court of  
Appeals Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Counsel:

This letter responds to your numerous and repeated inquiries via e-mail and telephone regarding the status of these matters. The Nooksack Tribal Court of Appeals issued an *Order re: Petition for Writ of Mandamus* on April 25, 2016. The Order provided, in pertinent part:

[W]e hereby order (1) that the Court Clerk of the Nooksack Tribal Court shall either accept and file Petitioners [sic] complaints and related motions **or file an answer to the Petition for Writ of Mandamus with this Court on or before May 16, 2016**, and (2) that the NICS administrator serve a copy of the petition together with this order by mail on the Court Clerk. [emphasis added]

Without conceding that the Nooksack Tribal Court of Appeals has the authority to take the actions that it took, the Court Clerk and the Nooksack Indian Tribe each have until May 16, 2016 to take such action as each of them deem appropriate.

The Clerk's office reminds attorneys Galanda, Dreveskracht and Broadman that until such time as the Nooksack Tribal Council takes further action, Nooksack Tribal Courts are bound by Resolution #16-28 barring you from practicing in Nooksack Tribal Court. Under Washington's

Rules of Professional Conduct, a lawyer who is acting pro se is “representing a client.” *In re Discipline of Haley*, 156 Wn.2d 324, 338, 126 P.3d 1262 (2006). Thus, as practicing lawyers, you are each “representing a client” in the *Galanda v. Bernard* and *In re Galanda v. Nooksack Tribal Court and Nooksack Indian Tribe* matters. Your appearance on your own behalf constitutes conduct prohibited by Resolution #16-28.

cc: Rickie Armstrong, Office of Tribal Attorney