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## Press Release

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### **Court enters final judgment in favor of Business Committee invalidating election of Grievance Committee by Rump meeting following lawful adjournment of 2018 General Council Meeting.**

On June 4, 2019, Judge Douthitt of the Court of Indian Offenses issued a final judgment in favor of the Business Committee against Defendants Carrie Kneeland, Diana Baker, Linda Turner, Rama White, and Nina Short. The Business Committee asked the Court to invalidate as illegal the "election" of the defendants as Grievance Committee members after Chief Fisher adjourned the June 2018 General Council Meeting for Lack of Quorum. The Court (1) found that Chief Fisher's action was lawful, (2) labeled the post-adjournment meeting a "rump", (3) determined the election illegal, and (4) barred the defendants from acting as Grievance Committee members.