



**Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
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**THE COURT DECISION DETERMINED THAT DON MASON, JR. WAS
ACTING AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THROUGHOUT HIS
EMPLOYMENT WITH THE PAWNEE NATION**

Pawnee, Oklahoma, January 16, 2020 — The Pawnee Nation District Court determined a decision on the *Petition for Declaratory Judgement* that was filed on September 18, 2019 by Brenda S. Golden, Attorney for the Petitioner James Whiteshirt, Pawnee Nation President vs. the Pawnee Business Council.

The Petitioner asks the Court to find that Resolution #19-62 is unconstitutional. Second, the Petitioner seeks to have the Court find that the Attorney General is improperly seated, and as a result his decisions and opinions against Petitioner invalid. Finally, to remove Don Mason, Jr. from the position of Attorney General.

Prior to the enactment of Resolution #19-62, Mr. Mason was held, by the tribe, to be the Attorney General. Therefore, the Resolution was not changing the legal status of the Attorney General but was merely affirming his term as the Attorney General.

Therefore, the Petitioner's request that this court find Resolution #19-62 unconstitutional is hereby denied. Furthermore, the Court denies the Petitioner's request that this Court find that the Attorney General is improperly seated and will not invalidate the decisions and opinions issued.

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