

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Division is a pilot project of the Court of Appeals. The ICWA Division is a dedicated division of three judges and two alternates who work in conjunction with our specialized juvenile law staff attorneys to screen dependency and neglect cases for compliance with ICWA, 25 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1963 (2012), and the General Assembly's ICWA-implementing legislation, § 19-1-126, C.R.S. 2017, prior to a decision on the merits of an appeal. This is done to prevent overall delay in permanency for children by remanding a case for ICWA compliance instead of reversing a final judgment for noncompliance. The division is further committed to providing guidance to the district courts, juvenile courts, county attorneys, guardians ad litem, and respondent parents' counsel on how to comply with Colorado's ICWA-implementing legislation to prevent later disruption in permanency for children in Colorado.