

**Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court**

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Estate of ██████████ Lazore

**DECISION AND ORDER**

**Case No.: 17-CIV-00018**

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On September 18, 2017, ██████████ Lazore filed an Intestate Probation Petition in the Estate of ██████████ Lazore. Several status conferences were held. During the status conferences, the Court determine ██████████ Lazore did not own real property within the Saint Regis Mohawk Indian Reservation. This was confirmed by the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Clerk's Office.

██████████ Lazore informed the Court that a probate case was also proceeding in Onondaga County, which is where the Decedent lived for several years. The Court's Attorney spoke with the attorney handling that probate petition to determine it was still in fact proceeding.

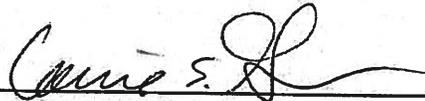
**JURISDICTION**

The Tribal Court has original jurisdiction over cases, matters or controversies arising under the laws, ordinances, regulations, customs and judicial decisions of the Tribe.<sup>1</sup> The Court possesses civil jurisdiction over disputes arising in, connected with, or substantially affecting Mohawk Indian Country.<sup>2</sup> Given that the resolving a person's estate is a civil issue that substantially affects Mohawk Indian Country and there is no SRMT law limiting the Court's jurisdiction,<sup>3</sup> the Court assumes jurisdiction over this Estate.

**ORDER**

Given that there is a concurrent probate proceeding in Onondaga County, which is a more convenient jurisdiction due to the Decedent's personal property is within that County, this case is hereby ORDERED dismissed.

Signed by my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2018.



Carrie E. Garrow, Chief Judge  
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court

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<sup>1</sup> The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court and Judiciary Code § V.1. (2012).

<sup>2</sup> SRMT Civil Code § II.A. (2008).

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