

St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Court

Noah Ransom Jr.,	)	
Complainant	)	<b>DECISION AND ORDER</b>
	)	
-V-	)	<b>Case No.: 14-CIV-00018</b>
	)	
Sherri Herne,	)	
Respondent	)	

**Procedural History**

On May 30, 2014, Noah Ransom filed a complaint against Sherri Herne requesting a deed in his name that was part of his mother and father’s estate. A status hearing was held on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 where the parties agreed to attend mediation. On February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Mr. Ransom filed a request to withdraw his complaint.

**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 probating of an 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 of this case.

**Order**

Mr. Ransom’s request to withdraw his complaint is granted and this case is hereby ORDERED dismissed without prejudice.

Signed by my hand this 15 day of May 2015

*Carrie E. Garrow*

Carrie Garrow, Associate Judge St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Court

<sup>1</sup> The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court and Judiciary Code § V.1. (2012).  
<sup>2</sup> SRMT Civil Code § II.A. (2008).  
<sup>3</sup> The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribal Court and Judiciary Code § V.1. (2012).

