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- **Indian Law Enforcement Improvement Act of 1975**, Hearings before the Subcommittee on Indian Affairs of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, United States Senate, Ninety-Fourth Congress, First-[Second] Session, on S. 2010

- **Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010: A Legislative History**, passed with bipartisan support, this act amended the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act and several other acts, extending and revising authority for prosecuting and responding to crimes in Indian country.

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- **Act of Union between the Eastern and Western Cherokees**, 1 v. Tah-le-quah, Cherokee Nation: National Press, 1870

- **Laws and Joint Resolutions of the National Council (1870-1878)**, various titles available

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- **Landmark Indian Law Cases**: National Indian Law Library; United States 1 v. Buffalo, N.Y.: W.S. Hein, 2002. Contains 53 groundbreaking decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court in the field of federal Indian Law. The subject index of cases provides a quick reference aid, and all cases are listed under one or more relevant subject headings.

- **Tribal Courts Directory, 1st-3rd Editions**: Schwartz, April; Hunter, Mary Jo B., 2 v. Buffalo, N.Y.: William S. Hein & Co, 2006-2008. This publication brings together the many sources of information about Tribal Courts within the United States. In the third edition there have been some jurisdictional changes implemented, more courts established, web pages added and supplemented with Court information, and more libraries and public and private organizations linking web pages to more primary Court documents.


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