

The Oneida Judiciary Seal is derived from the Seal of the former Oneida Tribal Judicial System, and that of our Oneida Tribal government. Its origin is traced to the Iroquois Longhouse Tree of Peace. It is said that this Pine Tree symbolizes the unity of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy. The White Roots of this Tree of Peace spread to the four directions and weapons of war are buried under its roots. An eagle sits at the top of the tree to watch for danger approaching from any direction to alert the Nations in times of peril.

In the spirit of our ancestral beliefs to guide our decisions, the symbol is used as one of justice and peaceful settlement of disputes. The Oneida words below the seal mean: *"The place where they decide"*.