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The Supreme Court has made no change in its cases of the last few decades limiting tribal sovereignty when tribes attempt to exercise jurisdiction over nonmembers. In a slightly different vein, it has recently employed a strictly literal (but not uncommon) approach to statutory interpretation that has threatened the program of the Secretary of the Interior of taking lands into trust for some of the tribes. The Court has also narrowly construed the Indian Child Welfare Act. As before, many cases in the lower courts struggle with the question of just how far the boundaries of tribal civil jurisdiction have been moved.

As for technical matters, I continue to follow the Uniform System of Citation (Blue Book) to the extent practicable, including the practice of not noting denials of certiorari or other discretionary review unless the case cited is less than two years old.

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