Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

Job Description

**Job Title:** Chief Justice Supreme Court

**Salary:** Salary DOE

**Employment:** The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate is currently seeking a Chief Justice for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Supreme Court. We are seeking applicants interested in serving a four (4) year term. The appointment of a Chief Justice shall be accomplished in accordance with Chapter 21 of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Codes of Law.

**General Description:** The Chief Justice shall preside over all appeals before the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Supreme Court.

**Essential Functions:**

- Demonstrated oral, written, and analytical skills commensurate with the position of the Chief Justice of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Supreme Court.
- Ability to complete written legal opinions demonstrating proper legal analysis and efficient legal writing skills, including proper legal citation.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

1. In order to serve as the Chief Justice of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Supreme Court candidates must meet the basic qualifications to be recommended to the Tribal Council for appointment.
2. Knowledge of Federal Indian Law
3. Knowledge or willingness to learn Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate customs and traditions as it relates to the codes of law.
4. Knowledge of trial court procedures, including jury procedures.

**Qualifications:**

1. Must have a Juris Doctorate degree from an ABA accredited Law School.
2. Must be a member in good standing of a State or Federal Bar.
3. Must be of high moral character and integrity.
4. Must never have been convicted of a felony.
5. All Court Judges shall meet base qualifications and will be evaluated as outlined in the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Codes of law specifically the following areas:
   a. Education and Background
   b. Employment and Background
   c. Judicial Experience
d. Familiarity with Acts of Congress, United States Supreme Court decisions dealing with Indian law

e. Administrative Experience

f. Professional Character

g. Moral Character

h. Record of Criminal Convictions

i. Willingness to Learn traditions of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

j. Military discharge record

k. Identification as a tribal member

l. Financial Stability

m. Demeanor and Presentation

6. Possess a working knowledge the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Codes and of all relative federal, state, and tribal laws, rules and regulations.

7. Must sign a Confidentiality Statement upon hire and adhere to policy.

8. Must have a valid driver’s license.