

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE
OF THE LAKE TRAVERSE INDIAN RESERVATION
PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation is looking for an Attorney licensed in the state and federal courts of South Dakota to serve in the Public Defender's office. The Public Defender's office is located at the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Headquarters in Agency Village, South Dakota.

Applicants must be able to immediately commence representation upon hire.

Nature of Practice

Represents individuals charged with criminal violation of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribe Code in the tribal court system. This includes but not limited to tribal members and any and all defendants charged pursuant to the Violence Against Women's Act, tribal provisions and/or the amended Indian Civil Rights Act.

Represent Tribal Members charged with criminal offenses in original exterior boundaries of the South Dakota, in state and federal court.

Represents Tribal Members in mental health commitment proceedings, juvenile delinquency proceedings, non-tribal housing eviction proceedings and abuse and neglect proceedings in Tribal Court.

Represents Tribal Members in other court proceedings as appointed by the Tribal Court.

Oversees the operation of the Public Defender system in the Tribal Court and contract with Public Defender systems in state courts within the original exterior boundaries of the Lake Traverse Reservation, and South Dakota counties touching the original exterior boundaries (Roberts, Day, Marshall, Codington and Grant).

Directly supervises Public Defender office staff and oversees and maintains Public Defender Office budget and expenditures.

Ability to find and submit requests for alternative or supplemental funding, including but not limited to grant opportunities for Tribal Public Defenders' offices.

Submits reports to the Tribal Council upon request.

Education, Licensure & Experience Requirements

Must possess a Juris Doctorate degree from an ABA accredited law school, applicant's law school transcript must be submitted.

Applicant must be licensed to practice law in the state and federal courts of South Dakota.

Applicants must have a minimum of 3 years of experience as a Defense Attorney.

Applicants must have a minimum of 2 years of experience working with or for Indian Tribes and have substantial knowledge of federal Indian Law.

Salary & Application Process

Salary will be DOE. Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and a minimum of at least three professional references. All applicants may submit their information by mail, facsimile, or electronic mail to the following person:

Colleen Eastman
Human Resources Director
Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate
Of the Lake Traverse Reservation
Box 509
Agency Village, SD 57262
605-698-3055 Facsimile

And a copy of the application documents to Shaun Eastman, email: ShaunE@swo-nsn.gov.

All qualified applicants will be subject to background checks and pre-employment drug screening. This listing shall remain open until filled.



Executive Approval