

Request for Qualifications

Appellate Judges
(3 positions available)

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon ("Tribe") seeks letters of interest for Appellate Judge. The Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Nation located within the boundaries of Yamhill and Polk Counties in the state of Oregon. The Tribe consists of approximately 5,991 Tribal members. The Tribal government provides a wide variety of government services including health, law enforcement, conservation, education, family services, Indian Child Welfare, land management, cultural, roads, maintenance, historic preservation, and elderly services. In addition, the Tribe operates a gaming facility, a convenience store, and a construction company.

The Tribe currently operates a Tribal Court and has adopted several ordinances that govern cases that come before the Court. In addition, the Court has adopted by promulgation the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure as well as the local district and circuit rules, and the Federal Rules of Evidence. The Court does not currently exercise criminal jurisdiction nor does it conduct jury trials.

These 3 positions are part-time, Tribal Council appointed positions with terms of two years. The compensation of Appellate Judges is established by contract with the Tribe. Preference in contracting will be given to members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and members of other Federally Recognized Indian Tribes.

Appellate Judges of the Tribal Court review final judgments and order of the Trial Court. The Court hears a variety of cases including, but not limited to, Child Welfare; general civil matters; divorce; employment; torts; housing disputes; small claims; ethics; election contests; enrollment; and gaming commission license revocations.

The statutory prerequisites to qualify for appointment include:

1. Must have a J.D. or LL.B degree from an ABA accredited law school;
2. Must be a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court Bar;
3. Must be a member of the Oregon State Bar, or a member of any state bar that grants reciprocity to the Oregon State Bar;
4. Must have a minimum of 10 years experience practicing law (which may include service on a tribal, federal or state court bench); and
5. Must have a demonstrable knowledge of Indian, Federal, and Oregon law.

Persons interested must submit a letter of interest, resume, and proof of enrollment in a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe, if available, by 5:00 p.m. on September 19, 2014. Letters, resumes, and proof of enrollment may be submitted by mail, fax, or email to the address and email listed below:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde,
Attn: Tribal Court
9615 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde Oregon 97347
Fax: 503-879-2269
Email: angela.fasana@grandronde.org

Any questions concerning this Request for Qualifications shall be forwarded, in writing, by e-mail, or mail, as follows:

Conf. Tribes of Grand Ronde
Attention: Court Administrator Angela Fasana
9615 Grand Ronde Rd.
Grand Ronde, OR 97347

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