

Summer Intern Position within the Office of General Counsel of the National Indian Gaming Commission

The National Indian Gaming Commission's Office of General Counsel is seeking applicants for a paid intern position for the summer of 2016 in Washington, DC. The Office of General Counsel's summer internship program is for students who have completed at least their first year of law school. The intern is expected to work at least 40 hours per week.

About the NIGC and the Office of General Counsel

The National Indian Gaming Commission, an independent federal regulatory agency within the Department of the Interior, was established by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). IGRA was enacted as means of supporting tribal economic development, self-sufficiency, and strong tribal governments through the creation of a regulatory framework for the operation of gaming on Indian lands. It aims to shield Indian gaming from corruption, to assure gaming is conducted fairly and honestly, and to ensure that tribes are the primary beneficiaries of the gaming operation. The Commission was created to address these Congressional concerns and to protect gaming as a vehicle for generating tribal revenue.

The Office of General Counsel provides legal advice and counsel to the Commission on all matters relating to IGRA and on its compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Office represents the Chair in enforcement actions and, as needed, coordinates with the U.S. Department of Justice to implement the Commission's enforcement actions. The Office also plays a role in handling appeals before the full Commission. When Commission action results in litigation, the Office works directly with the Department of Justice.

The Office of the General Counsel also manages the day-to-day legal affairs of the NIGC, providing counsel and legal support to each division. The Office reviews tribal gaming ordinances and proposed management contracts, provides legal advisory opinions on the classification of games played in tribal gaming facilities, on Indian land issues, on contract issues, and on general law questions. The Office also coordinates opinions and other matters with the Department of the Interior's Office of the Solicitor, and other federal agencies as necessary. The Office is committed to the professional development of new attorneys in the field of federal Indian law.

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How To Apply

NIGC's internships are highly competitive. Interns are selected on the basis of their overall applications. Due to the nature of NIGC's practice, experience in Indian law or a background in Indian affairs or gaming is highly desirable.

Applicants must submit the following materials:

- Cover Letter addressed to Michael Hoenig, General Counsel
- Resume
- Legal Writing Sample

Applications may be sent via email to Shakira Ferguson at
shakira_ferguson@nigc.gov,

or by U.S. mail to:

NIGC Internship Program
Attn: Shakira Ferguson
c/o Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Mailstop # 1621
Washington, DC 20240.

The deadline for the summer 2016 internship is **December 1, 2015**, and applications are accepted on rolling basis. Incomplete applications will not be considered. For an application to be considered complete, the cover letter, resume, and legal writing sample must be received via email, facsimile or mail by the deadline. Please email Shakira Ferguson at shakira_ferguson@nigc.gov if you have any questions.

Employment depends upon satisfactory completion of a background check. If selected for the position, applicants should be prepared to return background materials and fingerprints promptly.

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The NIGC does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

Reasonable Accommodation

The NIGC provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities, where appropriate. Applicants needing a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process should contact the NIGC before the application deadline expires. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.