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POSITION: Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) has an opening for a staff attorney to work out of tribal offices in the Upper Peninsula. The attorney will primarily be providing criminal defense and parent representation in child welfare matters in the Sault Ste. Marie, the Bay Mills Indian Community, and the Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Courts.

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM: MILS is a statewide provider of free legal services to low income Indians and Indian tribes. MILS represents Indian individuals, families, tribes and organizations in cases that span a range of tribal and federal Indian law cases.

QUALIFICATIONS: At a minimum, applicant must have graduated from an ABA accredited law school and be licensed to practice law in Michigan. Applicant must have access to transportation for daily travel to office locations, to tribal courts in the Upper Peninsula (primarily Lac Vieux Desert, Sault Ste. Marie, and Bay Mills Indian Community) and occasionally to Traverse City and other parts of Michigan. The job will require moving a laptop computer, scanner, printer and other equipment between locations. The job will require regular overnight travel for court appearances and on-site clinic hours and occasionally for out of state locations for training and conferences. Applicants must possess both written and oral advocacy skills as well as a demonstrated commitment to protecting the rights of American Indians. MILS will accept applications from candidates with all levels of experience. Experience working in tribal communities and familiarity with the tribes in Michigan is a plus. The ideal applicant will be licensed to practice law in Michigan and have three to five years relevant litigation experience.

BENEFITS: This is a full time position for an initial term of at least one year, with a salary from \$42,000 to \$58,000 depending on experience. MILS offers a generous health benefit and vacation/sick leave package. MILS is an equal opportunity employer and encourages minorities, women and persons with disabilities to apply.

Please send resume, references, cover letter, writing sample and, if recent law school graduate, law school transcript, to:

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