

TRIBAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER

Lower Brule Sioux Tribal Court

Lower Brule, South Dakota

The chosen applicant will:

- Have a law degree from an ABA accredited law school and be a member in good standing of the bar of any state (South Dakota licensure preferred)
- Must never have been convicted of a felony
- Must be physically able to perform the duties of the office
- Provides legal counsel and representation to adults accused of criminal offenses and juveniles accused of delinquent acts
- Examines evidence and prepares and presents cases for the defense in criminal actions / delinquency actions
- Review police reports
- Draft motions, legal memorandums, and other pleadings
- Conducts client and witness interviews
 - File pretrial motions
 - Identifies appropriate sentencing alternatives for clients and assists with getting clients into treatment
 - Appear in court on a daily basis
 - Knowledge of federal Indian law, criminal law, criminal procedure, juvenile law and procedure; and drug court or alternative courts process and procedures
 - Ability to argue legal positions effectively and persuasively, recognize, formulate and implement viable case defense theories, investigations and litigation strategies
 - Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing, multi-task, prioritize assignments, and remain organized.
- Work effectively with others
- Code writing (such as updating or amending tribal laws)
- Assist with grant writing
- Be a contributing asset to the office and welcome the opportunity to promote justice on the reservation
- Other duties as may be assigned by Chief Judge

Salary: Negotiable, depending on experience.

Closing Date: Until filled

Applications shall be in writing, to include a professional resume, legal qualifications and any other submissions at the option of the applicant. Native American preference applies. Applications may be obtained from the LBST Personnel Office, Lower Brule, South Dakota (phone: 605-473-5561) or by contacting Marlys Langdeau, Court Administrator or Chief Judge Lorrie Miner at 605-473-5535.

