

Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation General Counsel

Summary and Qualifications

Under the direction of the Tribal Council, the incumbent sets legal strategy for and provides legal services to the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation (MPTN) and its entities. Law degree from ABA approved/accredited law school. At least fifteen (15) years of government, private or corporate legal practice. Admitted to practice law in MPTN Tribal Court, or ability to obtain admission within 60 days of hire. An in-depth knowledge of federal Indian Law, business law, economic development, and governmental issues preferred, as well as experience managing personnel and running a legal office or department.

Responsibilities

Directs the legal affairs of the organization. Provides legal counsel and guidance on ordinary and special activities of the organization.

Ensures maximum protection of the organization's legal rights. Ensures that all legal obligations are met by the MPTN.

Identifies legal issues relevant to the Tribe and its holdings and provides strategy accordingly.

Manages the Office of Legal Counsel or delegates such duties, which include creating, reviewing, submitting, and monitoring departmental budgets; reviewing and evaluating work performance of subordinates, and any other duties required to manage the work and personnel of the office.

Responsible for the Department's review and analysis of major contractual agreements, leases, litigation, and any other major legal matter before the department.

Develops a professionally competent legal staff including attorneys and paralegals. As required, supplement in house legal work by carefully selected outside legal assistance and monitors and evaluates their activities.

Represents the Tribe in negotiating agreements with other governments, including federal, state and other tribal governments.

Represents or oversees the representation of MPTN in litigation before the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court, Federal and State Judicial Bodies and other legal proceedings as applicable.

Qualified candidates may reach out to MPTN SVP of Human Resources, Dale Merrill
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