

MORONGO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS



A SOVEREIGN NATION

2019-2020 Academic Term Legal Externship

About Us:

The Morongo Band of Mission Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribe located about 20 miles west of Palm Springs, California. Established in 1865, the Morongo Reservation spans more than 35,000 acres. In 1983, the path of Morongo's future changed when tribal members started a modest bingo hall. From this building evolved one of the oldest and most successful Indian gaming facilities in California. With its diversification into non-gaming businesses, the tribe has become the largest private sector employer in the region.

The Morongo Legal Department provides legal services and representation to the Tribal Government and its Enterprises, including Elected Officials, Departments, Commissions, and the Morongo Casino Resort & Spa. The Legal Department is regularly involved in a diverse set of legal issues including employment, taxation, ICWA, code development, energy, business development, health, education, and more.

Legal Extern:

The Legal Extern will work closely with the Morongo Legal Department in several clearly defined projects to be completed over the course of the semester or quarter. This position is unpaid and requires the extern to receive school credit. The position is temporary and will last eight to twelve weeks. The Department is willing to accommodate a flexible schedule but desires a commitment of 20-40 hours per week. We are currently accepting applications for the 2019-2020 academic terms.

It is the goal of the Morongo Legal Department to provide a tailored Extern program that responds to the interests and goals of the Legal Extern. The Extern program includes the opportunity to get to know the Morongo Tribal Community, lands, and Enterprises. By externing with the Morongo Legal Department, we are confident you will improve your lawyering skills, learn first-hand the demands of in-house legal counsel, and gain meaningful exposure to substantive Indian law projects.

Required Qualifications

- Experience drafting legal memoranda
- Excellent written/oral skills
- Excellent research abilities
- Current 2L, 3L or 4L

Desired Qualifications

- Previous legal employment experience
- Native American law coursework
- Familiarity with Indian Country and working for tribes

Application Packet

Please include in your application packet:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Legal Writing Sample (up to 5 pages)
- Unofficial Law School Transcript
- References
- Tribal Identification, if applicable

Contact

Questions and application packets may be sent to:

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*In addition to the application packet all applicants must submit an employment application available at
<https://morongonation.org/employment>
Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis*