



Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

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RE: Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation Tribal Court Judges Request for Qualifications

To whom it may concern:

The Tolowa Dee-Ni Nation is soliciting letters of interest and qualifications from individuals interested in serving as the Associate Judge, Appellate Judge or Chief Judge.

With the Pacific Ocean to the west, the majestic ancient Redwood Forest to the east and the streams filled with salmon, the home of the Tolowa is truly one of the most beautiful places on earth. These tallest trees on earth, the K'vsh-chu (Redwood) and runs of lhuk (salmon) are so awe-inspiring that they play a powerful role in the Tolowa worldview and religion.

The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe of Tolowa Indians. The Nation is located 3 miles south of the Oregon-California border in Northwest California. The Tribe's general membership consists of 1,700+ members governed by a seven-member Tribal Council elected by the general membership. For more information about our Nation please visit our website: <http://www.tolowa-nsn.gov/>

The Tribal Court hears a variety of cases primarily within the family law and wellness field. Case types include dissolution of marriage, child custody, guardianships, child welfare, juvenile healing to wellness, and tribal customary adoptions.

Ideal candidates for Associate Judge will have a strong sense of justice and demonstrated sensibility to tribal communities. Some experience working in court systems as an attorney/advocate or a judge is preferred. Supervision by the Chief Judge will be available. Case assignments will fluctuate on an as needed basis.

Appellate Judges will be expected to work independently without assistance from the Chief Judge. Experience hearing or handling appellate cases is strongly preferred. The expected appellate caseload is as low as no appeals in a year to potentially four or five.

The Chief Judge is expected to function as a leader in the court system. Ideally, this candidate will be integral not only in handling the large majority of the caseload but also in the strategic planning for the expansion of the overall justice system. This candidate will have demonstrated ability and commitment to nation building to expand tribal sovereignty. The community is the foundation of the Tribal Court and thus the Chief Judge must be able to be present and function in the community treating all who come before them with respect and dignity. A weekly time commitment is ideal to engage with the court staff and larger community in a meaningful way.

Compensation will depend on the candidate's availability, proximity and qualifications. If interested, please submit a letter of interest and resume to Tim Hoone, Planning Director @ tim.hoone@tolowa.com and Elsie Petrie, Interim Court Administrator @ elsie.petrie@tolowa.com. ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SENT TO BOTH EMAIL ADDRESSES TO BE CONSIDERED. Any questions regarding this solicitation can be directed to elsie.petrie@tolowa.com. Closing Date November 18, 2019.

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Our Heritage Is Why We Are Strong