

Representation of Low-Income Criminal Defendants in Tulalip Tribal Court

We are looking for high quality services for legal representation of low-income criminal defendants in the Tulalip Tribal Court where the public defenders are unable to provide representation due to conflicts. You must become a member of the Tulalip Bar prior to signing an Engagement Letter.

Expectations: You will establish an attorney/client relationship with the indigent client and determine what services to provide to the client in order to ensure adequate representation. You shall maintain professional practice standards in providing a level of legal service that does not fall below the minimum professional standards, Rules of Professional Conduct of the Washington State Supreme Court, the Washington State Bar Association, the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, and any applicable case law and court rules that define the duties of counsel to their clients.

Responsibilities include, but not limited to:

- Providing legal representation and advocacy to low-income clients;
- Working with clients struggling with mental illness, drug addiction, or other issues;
- Initiating and maintaining the lawyer-client relationship;
- Investigation and case preparation;
- Preliminary hearings and motions;
- Plea negotiation;
- Trial preparation and trial or disposition without trial; and
- Sentencing recommendations.

Professional Fees: The rate of pay is \$75 dollars per hour, not to exceed \$850 per day or \$1500 per case. No fees shall be paid separately for secretarial or clerical services. Any additional agreement regarding fees must be set forth in writing and signed by the Court Director.

For further information, please contact Alicia Horne, Tulalip Tribal Court Director at ahorne@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov or Stephanie Cultee, Executive Assistants at scultee@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.