

**JOB TITLE:** Supreme Court Judge

**REPORTS TO:** Chief Judge

**HOURLY WAGE:** \$130.00

**BENEFITS:** N/A

**STATUS:** As Needed

**SUPERVISOR:** Chief Judge



## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **JOB SUMMARY**

This position is a contract judge position and continuity will be based on funding. This position is for an as-needed basis. Serves as a Supreme Court Judge of the Mashpee Wampanoag Supreme Court. Work includes hearings and making judgments on all civil and criminal cases by applying Tribal law, ordinances and regulations, or applicable Federal and State laws. Ensures the impartial administration of justice and discharges duties in accordance with Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Law.

### **ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:**

- Follow the rules created by the Supreme Court pursuant to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Judiciary Ordinance Chapter 2, §3(a).
- Performance of all other duties required by Tribal Law.
- Shall participate in the deliberations and shall have the duty and/or power to conduct all Court proceedings.
- Issue all orders and papers incident thereto, and to decide all matters within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.
- Handle appeals from the District Court and handle cases of original jurisdiction properly before the Court and otherwise undertake all other duties as may be required for the operation of the Supreme Court.
- Issue all appropriate warrants and subpoenas to compel attendance of persons called to testify in a proceeding.
- Have the power to administer oaths and affirmations to persons in proceedings before the Court and in any other circumstance where such shall be necessary in the exercise of judicial powers and/or duties or where the law so requires an oath or affirmation.
- Have the power to preserve and enforce order in his or her immediate presence when performing official duties.

- Have the power to punish for contempt any person to assure the effective exercise of judicial authority.
- Enter all appropriate orders and judgments.
- Have the power to compel obedience to lawful directives and orders.
- Keep all Court and other records as may be required.
- Perform any of the duties and powers of a District Court Judge pursuant to Article X § (1)(b) of the Constitution of the Tribe in appropriate cases, such as in the event of a conflict or the unavailability of a District Judge. If a Supreme Court Judge serves as a Judge of the District Court, the Judge shall be disqualified from participating in a review of any decision entered by him or her sitting as a lower court judge.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

To perform this position successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the education, experience, knowledge, skill, and ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

1. Individual must be an enrolled member of the Tribe or be a member of an American Indian Tribe that is recognized by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.
2. Must have a Jurist Doctorate from an accredited law school; and/or be a current or former tribal judge.
3. Must be at least 25 years of age.
4. Must be of sound moral and ethical character with no convictions of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude in any court of any jurisdiction.
5. Knowledge of federal Indian law and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal law is preferred.

### **“ Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Practices Indian Preference”**

#### **Send resumes to:**

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