

**THE NAVAJO NATION**  
**Department of Personnel Management**  
**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

REQUISITION NO:	<u>DOJ00621189</u>	DATE POSTED:	<u>05/28/21</u>		
POSITION NO:	<u>279572</u>	CLOSING DATE:	<u>OUF</u>		
POSITION TITLE:	<u>PRINCIPAL ATTORNEY</u>				
DEPARTMENT NAME / WORKSITE:	<u>DOJ - OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (Water Right Unit) - WINDOW ROCK, AZ</u>				
WORK DAYS:	<u>Mon. - Fri.</u>	REGULAR FULL TIME:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GRADE/STEP:	<u>BK72A</u>
WORK HOURS:	<u>8am - 5pm</u>	PART TIME:	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO. OF HRS./WK.:	<u>\$ 99,576.72</u> PER ANNUM
SENSITIVE	<input type="checkbox"/>	SEASONAL:	<input type="checkbox"/>	DURATION :	<u>\$ 47.69</u> PER HOUR
NON-SENSITIVE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TEMPORARY:	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Under general direction of the Assistant Attorney General or the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General, professionally represents the Nation in multiple water rights adjudications pending in state and federal courts, in state administrative water rights matters and in any settlement negotiations concerning the Nation's water rights. The Principal Attorney works closely with technical staff within the Water Rights Unit Staff, Department of Water Resources and other programs within the Navajo Nation, and with consultants retained to provide technical support to the Nation or to serve as expert witnesses. The Principal Attorney provides legal advice on all water rights matters to the Office of the President and Vice President, the Office of the Speaker, the Navajo Nation council, and its committees and subcommittees and the Navajo Nation Water Rights commission (NNWRC) to ensure that the water rights of the Navajo Nation are effectively pursued and protected. Other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: (Education, Experience and Training)**

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Juris Doctorate; and eight (8) years professional experience as a state licensed attorney.
- Current admission in any state bar with the intention of seeking and securing admission to the Navajo Nation Bar Association and either the Arizona, New Mexico or Utah State Bar within one (1) year of date of hire.

**Special Requirements:**

***(To receive full credit for education, certification, or licensure, transcripts, copies of degrees, certificates, and other appropriate documents must be submitted along with employment application.)***

**Special Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

Knowledge of judicial procedures and rules of evidence; considerable knowledge of the methods and practices of pleadings and of effective techniques in the presentation of cases in courts; considerable knowledge of the principles, methods, materials, and practices of legal research; and considerable knowledge of the functions, policies, and rules and regulation of the Navajo Nation and Water Rights. Ability to analyze, appraise and organize facts, evidence and precedents; and to present such materials in clear and logical form for oral or written presentation, Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with consultants and outside counsel engaged to assist with work. Knowledge of the principles and practices of public administration.

**THE NAVAJO NATION GIVES PREFERENCE TO ELIGIBLE AND QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NAVAJO PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT ACT AND VETERANS' PREFERENCE.**