

COUSHATTA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION: TRIBAL PROSECUTOR/INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ATTORNEY

SALARY: DOE

HOURS: Part-time

CLOSES: March 17, 2000

JOB SUMMARY: The Prosecutor reports to the Tribal Council or their designee on issues concerning or affecting tribal sovereignty and the exercise of tribal jurisdiction over criminal law violations, traffic violations, child welfare and juvenile delinquency matters. The Prosecutor will represent the Tribe in all hearings related to their specific job duties, before the Tribal, State and Federal Courts. He/she will present information in a manner consistent with ethical standards and assuring that justice is upheld according to the laws of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following:

1. Conduct pre-trial investigations necessary to case preparation, including but not limited to consulting with tribal law enforcement officers, other law enforcement agencies and witnesses.
2. Complete legal research and writing necessary to the preparation of complaints, motions, pleadings, and other court documents, and follow up on all cases.
3. While upholding tribal sovereignty, cooperate with tribal, state and federal officials in prevention and adjudication of crime.
4. Work with juvenile agencies and social service agencies or other programs for the prevention and solution of juvenile delinquency, and child abuse or neglect.
5. Represent the Tribe's interest in Tribal or State court in Indian Child Welfare Cases.
6. Represent the Tribe's interest while participating in the development and implementation of codes, ordinances, agreements, inter-departmental policies, procedures and protocol.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Member in good standing of any state bar.

Two years of experience with law practice preferred

Knowledgeable of tribal, state and federal law, jurisdictional issues, tribal codes and resolutions.

Be able to communicate well with people of all ages, and to speak clearly and intelligently to groups of people.

Have the ability to organize and maintain clear, concise and accurate records, be able to draft and implement legal documents, and present cases before the court.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationship with Tribal officials and employees and the general public.

Helpful experience or education includes familiarity with Tribal law, custom and tradition, familiarity with federal Indian law and general litigation experience.

Good writing, communication, research and organizational skills.

Good decision-making capabilities and dispute resolution techniques.

Ability to deal well with people in highly emotional and adversarial situations.

Be dependable, trustworthy and able to work flexible hours.

Indian Preference applies.

Knowledge and experience working with Indian Child Welfare Act preferred.

If you have any questions please call .

APPLICATION:

Send letter of interest and resume to:

Coushatta Tribal Court