



Waganakising Odawak

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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CHIEF JUDGE POSITION

Waganakising Odawak, known in English as the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (“LTBB”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, and is a party to treaties with the United States, the most recent of which are the Treaty of Washington of 1836 and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855. LTBB is governed by a Tribal Constitution adopted by the Tribal Citizens on February 2, 2005. The LTBB Constitution states:

“The judicial power of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians shall be vested in a Tribal Court System... The Chief Judge shall serve as head of the Tribal Judiciary.”

PURPOSE:

This posting is to invite proposals from persons interested in serving as Chief Judge.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Applicants must have a working knowledge of Indian law, including the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, the Tribal Law and Order Act, the Indian Civil Rights Act, and the foundations of tribal sovereign immunity. Applicants must become and remain current on all tribal, state and federal laws, regulations and court opinions that apply to LTBB and to the mission of the LTBB.
- Applicants should have extensive knowledge and experience with domestic violence laws and programs, including victim advocacy and protection, as well as knowledge of federal laws and programs to address the significant incidence of domestic violence in tribal communities.
- Applicants should have experience in managing and supervising various alternative sentencing and diversionary programs and staff, including programs targeting youthful offenders and programs to address substance abuse issues.
- Applicants should have a high level of management, supervisory and budgetary experience. The successful applicant will be required to maintain accurate records and statistics concerning the volume of cases handled, and will be required to report the general types, results and time requirements of all cases. The successful applicant will be expected to demonstrate initiative in maintaining the efficient and cost-effective operation of the LTBB Tribal Court.
- The successful applicant must be or become authorized to practice in LTBB Tribal Court, and must maintain such authorization during his or her term. The Chief Judge position is subject to removal from office at any time for unethical conduct, a disqualifying disability, lack of timely performance, or gross misconduct including but not limited to any felony conviction.
- Indian Tribal Preference laws apply to this position. Per the LTBB Constitution it is mandatory that the Chief Judge be at least one-fourth North American Indian.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:

The position of Chief Judge is a four (4)-year appointment.

COMPENSATION:

Level of compensation is constitutionally-mandated (WOS #2010-016) and based on experience.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Each application must include a letter of interest, resume, a description of how the Applicant meets the Qualifications listed above, a writing sample, proof of ¼ North American Indian blood and proof of age requirement.

Applications may be submitted by email to: Chairman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov ; by fax to: 231-242-1411; or by mail to: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Attn. Tribal Chairman's Office, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.