



**Gaá Čhíng Ziíbi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

Unified Legal Department
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660

2018 Summer Legal Internship Program

Position: Legal Intern

Reporting to: Unified Legal Department Staff Attorneys

About the Program: Intern(s) will work closely with the Unified Legal Department in several clearly defined projects to be completed this summer. Interns will assist the Unified Legal Department in its role as in-house legal counsel to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The Unified Legal Department provides legal services and representation to the Tribal Government and its Enterprises, including Elected Officials, Departments, Commissions, and the Little River Casino Resort. The position is paid at a rate of \$15.00-\$17.50 per hour, depending on experience. The position is temporary part-time and will last eight to twelve weeks. The Department is willing to accommodate a flexible schedule but wants a minimum commitment of 20 hours per week. Hours worked should conform to a schedule of Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited law school.
2. Applicants must not currently be subject to any disciplinary action by an institution or entity, including but not limited to any education or law enforcement agency.
3. Applicants must pass a drug test and criminal background check. The Tribe adheres to a drug-free workplace policy.
4. Applicant must possess a valid state driver's license.

Interested Applicants should submit the following documents:

1. A cover letter highlighting your interest in Federal Indian Law;
2. A current resume;
3. A copy of your law school transcript; and
4. A writing sample (optional).

Deadline: Applications must be received by March 30, 2018, 5:00 p.m. EST. Applications will be reviewed on a revolving basis, beginning December 1, 2017, until the position(s) is filled. Applications may be sent via email to the Unified Legal Department at UnifiedLegal@lrboi-nsn.gov, or by U.S. mail to:

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Attn: Unified Legal Department
2608 Government Center Drive,
Manistee, Michigan 49660.

Tribal Preference will be followed in accordance with the [LRBOI Indian Preference in Employment Ordinance #15-600-02.](#)

About Little River Band of Ottawa Indians:

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a sovereign and federally recognized Tribal government. Our governmental offices are located in Manistee, Michigan, within the boundaries of a 70,000-acre reservation along the Manistee River, established under the 1836 Treaty of Washington. The LRBOI and the United States reaffirmed their government-to-government relationship under P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994. Our people are the descendants of and the political successors to nine Ottawa bands whose leaders were signatories to the 1836 Treaty of Washington and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit. Prior to the 1855 Treaty, our people inhabited village sites from the Manistee River south to the Grand River in the western Lower Peninsula of Michigan.

The Tribe has since instituted a governmental infrastructure and service delivery system necessary for rebuilding a sustainable tribal community. The Tribe has over 4,000 members, of which about 44% reside in the nine-county service area, an additional 28% reside in other Michigan counties, and the remaining 28% reside outside of Michigan. The Tribe's service area encompasses nine Michigan counties including: Manistee, Mason, Lake, Wexford, Kent, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, and Ottawa.

The Tribal Government of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a tripartite government consisting of three co-equal branches of governance. The Legislative powers of the Little River Band shall be vested in the Tribal Council (Legislative Branch); the Executive powers of the Little River Band shall be vested in the Tribal Ogema (Executive Branch); and the Judicial power of the Little River Band shall be vested in a Tribal judiciary, which shall consist of the Tribal Court, a Court of Appeals, and such inferior courts as the Tribal Council may from time to time ordain and establish.

The Little River Casino Resort is owned and operated by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The Resort opened to the public on July 23, 1999 with 600 slot machines. Our growth has been swift along with our dedication in making the Little River Casino Resort a fun and exciting gaming experience. Since 1999 we have expanded into a destination resort with more than 1300 slots, 30 table games, three restaurants with varied styles of dining choices, an RV park with 95 spaces, and a beautiful 292 room luxury Hotel.

The Unified Legal Department's Mission Statement:

The primary goal of the Legal Department... is to provide high quality legal services to the Tribe. A secondary goal is to assist in resolving disputes over legal issues within and between individual branches of government and individual commissions, departments, officers, and employees of the Tribe in an efficient manner and with a minimum of conflict wherever possible.

For more information, including copies of our Tribal Ordinances, Regulations, and our Tribal Court decisions, please visit: <https://lrboi-nsn.gov/>