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## Request for Qualifications (RFQ) <u>Appellate Judge</u>

Date Opened: October 19, 2018

Position Title: Appellate Judge, San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe Court of Appeals

Hours: Part-Time Contract Services

Appointment Term: Four years from date of appointment by the Tribal Council

Pay Rate: DOE

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

## **Summary of Duties and Responsibilities:**

The Appellate Judge of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribal Court of Appeal is responsible for hearing appeals from the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribal Court. The Appellate Judge shall be responsible for hearing all cases and controversies arising in law or equity under the Constitution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe.

The successful candidate must have the highest moral and ethical character with significant experience in knowledge of federal Indian law and tribal law. The successful candidate will also demonstrate the ability to analyze difficult and complex facts and issues, and have knowledge of the appellate standard of review over lower court and administrative decisions. Prior appellate or judicial experience is preferred.

## **Minimum Qualifications:**

- Must possess a Juris Doctorate from an ABA accredited law school.
- Must be a member in good standing of the bar of any state.
- Must have at least 5-years of experience or practice in the field of federal Indian law and have demonstrated experience with the concepts of Tribal law and the principles of Tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction.
- Must not have been convicted of a felony or a crime involving dishonesty or have been disbarred in any jurisdiction.
- Must be able to pass a thorough background investigation.
- Must be able to travel and hold hearings both in person in Tuba City, Arizona, and telephonically as necessary to efficiently and effectively hear appellate matters.

Applicants may be asked to participate in an interview with the Tribal Council of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe to establish whether he or she meets minimum qualifications, determine suitability for the position, and negotiate the terms for the appointment.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, references and writing sample to:

SAN JUAN SOUTHERN PAIUTE TRIBE ATTN: Judicial Position P.O. Box 2950 Tuba City, AZ 86045

A copy of the Constitution of the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe can be obtained by sending an email to: Ms. Tamara Talaswaima, Tribal Secretary, <u>t.talaswaima@sanjuanpaiute-nsn.gov</u>