

The Office of Tribal Attorney is hiring a staff attorney to provide legal advice and representation, document drafting, and collaboration with Swinomish Indian Tribal Community policy committees and expert Tribal staff. Qualified applicants must be licensed, or have the ability to become licensed within six months, to practice in Washington. We are seeking an energetic attorney with seven or more years of experience in Federal or state courts, including discovery, motions practice under Rule 12 and 56, trying cases to verdict or judgement, and handling appeals to final decision; prior experience in administrative tribunals is preferred, but not required. Candidate shall exhibit excellent written, oral, research and analytical skills, strong interpersonal communication and negotiation skills, and an ability to work hard and thrive in an interdisciplinary and cross-cultural environment; bring flexibility to a fast-paced and dynamic work setting; enjoy and excel at creative problem solving; and have demonstrated a commitment to working with Native or other minority communities. Qualified applicants must have experience or demonstrated expertise in one or more of the following: protection of treaty rights, Endangered Species Act, Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Magnuson Act, or the Clean Water Act implementation or compliance, FERC (re)licensing, shoreline regulations, or regulation of extractive industries, including coal or oil, or vessel or rail traffic.

Salary: Negotiable depending upon experience. Compensation includes a generous medical, dental & vision health plan, 401(k) plan, vacation and sick leave and other fringe benefits.

Location: Tribal offices are located in the Swinomish Village on the beautiful Swinomish Indian Reservation located on Fidalgo Island across the Swinomish Channel from La Conner, WA. Tribal offices are about midway between Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia. Work is currently hybrid with both remote and in-office time.

Application Process: Applications will be considered on a rolling basis for immediate hire. Native American Hiring Preferences under Swinomish Tribal Code 14-01.120 will be in effect during the selection of candidates. Applicants must pass a background check and a drug test.

Submit the following: Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Employment Application and Office of Tribal Attorney Application Addendum (you may request these via email); cover letter including an explanation of the applicant's interest in the position, along with a current resume, the names and contact information for at least three professional references, and two samples of the applicant's own independent writing to:

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