

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
ASSOCIATE JUDGE
MESCALERO APACHE TRIBAL COURT

SUMMARY: The Associate Judge is responsible for fairly and impartially hearing and deciding judicial matters within the jurisdiction of the Mescalero Apache Tribal Court.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Adhere to the Tribal Code;
- Hear and determine all types of cases filed in the Tribal Court, including but not limited to: criminal, traffic, civil, juvenile/child welfare;
- Preside over jury trials;
- Conduct legal research and issue orders; and
- Issue search and seizure warrants, arrest warrants, and orders of protection where appropriate.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Pursuant to Article XXVI, Section 4 of the Revised Constitution of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Associate Judge must:
 - A) Possess at least a one-quarter (1/4) degree of Indian blood and be a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or is an Eskimo, Aleut or other Alaska Native;
 - B) Be not less than thirty-five (35) years of age, nor more than seventy (70) years of age; &
 - C) Never have been convicted of a felony nor a misdemeanor within the past year;
- Must possess a Juris Doctorate from an ABA accredited law school; and
- Must be licensed and a member in good standing of the bar of any state; licensure and good standing in the State of New Mexico preferred.

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES:

- Demonstrate oral and written communication skills as well as ability to perform legal research and possess analytical skills commensurate with the position of Associate Judge;
- Demonstrate knowledge of general legal principles in all areas listed in "Duties and Responsibilities;"
- Demonstrate knowledge of Federal Indian Law and understand, appreciate and promote the ideas of tribal self-determination and tribal sovereignty;
- Possess and demonstrate a judicial temperament; and
- Possess a working knowledge of computers and software

SALARY:

Salary is negotiable and is dependent upon qualifications and budgetary concerns.

CLOSING DATE:

This position is open until filled.

Submit resume with copy of certificate of Indian blood to Carol Woods, Director of Human Resources, Mescalero Apache Tribe via: 1) first class mail to P.O. Box 227, Mescalero, NM 88340; 2) facsimile to (575) 464-9292; or 3) email to cwoods@mescaleroapachetribe.com.