



Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) APPELLATE JUDGE

Position Title: Appellate Judge, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Court of Appeals

Hours: Part-Time Contract Services

Appointment Term: TBD years from date of appointment by the Executive Committee

Pay Rate: Depends on Experience

Application Deadline: Open Until Filled

Summary of Duties and Responsibilities

The Appellate Judge of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Court of Appeals is responsible for hearing appeals from the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Circuit Court. The Appellate Judge shall be responsible for hearing all cases and controversies arising in law or equity under the Constitution of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska (“ITKN”).

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 a minimum of 10 years’ experience practicing law (which may include service on a tribal, federal, or state court bench).
- 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 at ITKN Administrative Complex near White Cloud, Kansas, and via telephone/videoconference as necessary to hear and resolve appellate matters efficiently and effectively.

Evaluation Process

Applicants may be asked to participate in an interview with the ITKN Executive Committee to establish whether they meet minimum qualifications, determine suitability for the position, and negotiate the terms for the appointment. Preference will be given to qualified applicants who can demonstrate membership in the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska or another federally recognized Indian tribe.

To apply, please submit the following via email at tony.fee@iowas.org:

- A letter of interest
- Resume
- List of three references, including contact information, regarding the reputation and qualifications of the candidate
- Writing sample
- Proof of good standing in at least one state bar
- Proof of enrollment/membership/citizenship in a federally recognized Indian tribe, if applicable
- Disclosure regarding any judgments or decisions, pending complaints, or ongoing disciplinary actions against the candidate before the Washington State Bar Association or any other bar of any state or territory of the United States or any tribal or Indian Nation bar, or any judicial disciplinary forum.
- Disclosure of representation in any matter in which the Iowa Tribe of Kansas or Nebraska or any of its political subdivisions, instrumentalities, or enterprises was a party to such matter.

Any questions should be directed to Tony Fee via email at tony.fee@iowas.org.