

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

Job Description

Job Title: Chief Judge

Appointed By: Tribal Council

Review Committee: Judicial Committee

Term of Appointment: Four (4) years

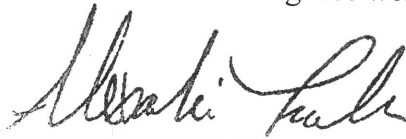
Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Arbitrates, advises, administer justice in the court of law.
2. Establishes standard rules and procedures for legal matters.
3. Reads or listens to allegations made by plaintiff in civil suits and determines if action cited is supported by facts.
4. Examines evidence on criminal cases to determine if charges are true or determine if evidence will be supported by facts.
5. Listens to presentations of cases, rules on admissibility of evidence, and settles disputes.
6. Instructs jury on applications of facts to questions of law involved.
7. Sentences defendants in criminal cases upon conviction, or determines liability of defendants in civil cases.
8. Represents the tribe in State court proceedings, drafts appropriate notices, petitions and briefs and makes ultimate decisions regarding all Indian Child Welfare Act matters after consultation with the Child Protection Program and other appropriate persons.
9. Performs all other duties consistent with the purpose of this position.

Qualifications:

1. Juris-doctorate degree required.
2. Extensive background in Indian Law as it applies to Indian Country.
3. Applicants must be familiar with Acts of Congress pertaining to the jurisdiction of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate.
4. Must have five (5) years of experience as a practicing Attorney in State and Federal Court, and two (2) years as a practicing attorney in Tribal Court.
5. Must adhere to the Tribe's drug free work place policy.

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Date _____

11/13/25