

THE NAVAJO NATION
Department of Personnel Management
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

REQUISITION NO: DOJ0069283

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POSITION NO: 202239

CLOSING DATE: 10/03/14

POSITION TITLE: Principal Attorney

DEPARTMENT NAME / WORKSITE: DOJ - Office of the Attorney General (Tax & Finance Unit)/Window Rock, AZ

WORK DAYS: Mon. - Fri. REGULAR FULL TIME: GRADE/STEP: Z72A

WORK HOURS: 8am - 5pm PART TIME: NO. OF HRS./WK.: _____ \$ 88,982.40 PER ANNUM

SEASONAL: DURATION : _____ \$ 42.78 PER HOUR

TEMPORARY:

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Under general direction of the Assistant Attorney General or the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General, will Provides legal direction to Navajo Nation Divisions, Departments, and Local governmental units regarding a wide range of Taxation, Insurance, Retirement, Finance (Controller) and Office of Management & Budget and Navajo Nation Tax commission, Judicial and Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation in legal issues, including statutory and regulatory grounds for local authority, contract disputes and procurement issues, and intergovernmental relations; performs professional legal work in counseling, research, trial and other legal work; present cases in courts; and performs related duties as required in finance and taxation. Prepares and presents criminal and civil cases in tribal, municipal, state, and federal courts; confers with, gives advice to, and prepares opinions for various departments and branches of the Tribe; drafts legal and judicial processes; prepares interpretations of new legislation and judicial decisions; reviews contracts, mortgages, leases, permits and related documents prior to signature by Tribal officials; conduct interview, complainants, and others on a variety of legal matters; conducts legal research, prepares briefs, pleadings and other legal documents. Advise clients and members of the various oversight committees of the Navajo Nation council, as is required, on legal questions. Provides opinion of tribal law and/or legislative proposals that may impact the Navajo Nation. Assist in routine operation of the Department of Justice.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: (Education, Experience and Training)

Minimum Qualifications:

- A Juris Doctorate; and eight (8) years professional experience as a state licensed attorney.
- Current admission to any state bar with the intention of seeking and securing admission to the Navajo Nation Bar Association and either the Arizona, New Mexico or Utah State Bar with one (1) year of date of hire.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Current admission to the Navajo Nation Bar Association and the Arizona, New Mexico or Utah State Bar.

(To receive full credit for education, certification, or licensure, transcripts, copies of degrees, certificates, and other appropriate documents must be submitted along with employment application.)

Special Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Knowledge of federal, state and tribal laws affecting assigned area, specific laws related to assignment; federal Indian law; legal research methods and techniques methods and techniques. Must have skills in analyzing and organizing facts; evidence and precedent; in preparing and presenting legal opinions; in presenting material and developing and appropriate argument or defense; in verbal and written communication; skill in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships.

<<A favorable background investigation is required>>

THE NAVAJO NATION GIVES PREFERENCE TO ELIGIBLE AND QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NAVAJO PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT ACT AND VETERANS' PREFERENCE.