Request for Qualifications
Chief Judge

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon ("Tribe") seeks letters of interest for the position of Chief Judge. The Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Nation located within the boundaries of Yamhill and Polk counties in the state of Oregon. The Tribe consists of approximately 5,608 Tribal members. The Tribal government provides a wide variety of government services including health, law enforcement, conservation, education, family services, Indian Child Welfare, land management, cultural, roads, maintenance, historic preservation and elderly services. In addition, the Tribe operates a gaming facility and a convenience store.

The Tribe currently operates a Tribal Court and has adopted several ordinances that govern cases that come before the Court. In addition, the Court has adopted by promulgation the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure as well as the local district and circuit rules, and the Federal Rules of Evidence. The Court does not currently exercise criminal jurisdiction nor does it conduct jury trials.

This is a part-time, Tribal Council-appointed position, with a term of two years. The compensation of the Chief Judge is established by contract with the Tribe. Preference in contracting will be given to members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and members of other federally recognized Indian Tribes.

The Chief Judge of the Tribal Court provides a full range of judicial services by hearing cases in the Tribal Court including, but not limited to, Child Welfare; general civil matters; divorce; employment; torts; housing disputes; small claims; ethics; election contests; enrollment; and Gaming Commission license revocations. The Chief Judge is responsible for the supervision of the Court Administrator who is responsible for the management of the office and supervision of Court employees.

The statutory prerequisites to qualify for appointment include:

1. Must have a J.D. or LL.B degree from an ABA accredited law school;
2. Must be a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Court Bar;
3. Must be a member of the Oregon State Bar, or a member of any state bar that grants reciprocity to the Oregon State Bar;
4. Must have a minimum of 10 years of experience practicing law (which may include service on a Tribal, federal or state court bench); and
5. Must have a demonstrable knowledge of Indian, Federal and Oregon law.

Persons interested must submit a letter of interest, resume, and proof of enrollment in a federally recognized Indian Tribe, if available, by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 2022. Letters, resumes and proof of enrollment may be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail to the address and e-mail listed below:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde,
Attn: Tribal Court
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Fax: 503-879-2269
E-mail: shawn.branson@grandronde.org

Any questions concerning this Request for Qualifications shall be forwarded, in writing, by e-mail, or mail, as follows:

Conf. Tribes of Grand Ronde
Attention: Court Administrator Shawn Branson
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Request for Qualifications
Interim Chief Judge

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon ("Tribe") seeks letters of interest for Interim Chief Judge. The Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Nation located within the boundaries of Yamhill and Polk counties in the state of Oregon. The Tribe consists of approximately 5,608 Tribal members. The Tribal government provides a wide variety of government services including health, law enforcement, conservation, education, family services, Indian Child Welfare, land management, cultural, roads, maintenance, historic preservation and elderly services. In addition, the Tribe operates a gaming facility and a convenience store.

The Tribe currently operates a Tribal Court and has adopted several ordinances that govern cases that come before the Court. In addition, the Court has adopted by promulgation the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure as well as the local district and circuit rules, and the Federal Rules of Evidence. The Court does not currently exercise criminal jurisdiction nor does it conduct jury trials.

This is a limited duration part-time, Tribal Council-appointed position. The compensation of the Interim Chief Judge is established by contract with the Tribe. Preference in contracting will be given to members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and members of other federally recognized Indian Tribes.

The Interim Chief Judge of the Tribal Court provides a full range of judicial services by hearing cases in the Tribal Court including, but not limited to, Child Welfare; general civil matters; divorce; employment; torts; housing disputes; small claims; ethics; election contests; enrollment; and Gaming Commission license revocations. The Interim Chief Judge is responsible for the supervision of the Court Administrator who is responsible for the management of the office and supervision of Court employees.

The statutory prerequisites to qualify for appointment include:

1. Must have a J.D. or LL.B degree from an ABA accredited law school;
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