

LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE
187 Oyate Circle
Lower Brule, SD
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: General Counsel

Position Class: DOE

Job Summary: Under the Direction of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribal council, provides legal advice and representation to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe on a wide range of issues affecting the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe; works with tribal, federal, state officials as well as national-state-level tribal advocacy groups, other tribes, private individuals and entities; maintains confidentiality of all privileged information.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES:

- The General Counsel performs a full range of legal services requiring substantial knowledge and understanding of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, its departments and businesses, and a general understanding of Indian Law and tribal-federal-state relationships.
- Environmental, water and land use laws, including land acquisitions, placing lands into trust, right-of-way and easements for utility purposes.
- Infrastructure development including and advising the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe on proposed contracts with third-parties, right-of-way and lease agreements, utility agreements and other related land use, housing and commercial development matters.
- Corporate transactions and compliance.
- Includes all matters pertaining to representation of the tribal government.
- Advice to and representation of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, its officers and entities including in tribal federal, and state courts, administrative tribunals, and before federal and state legislative bodies and agencies; drafting of ordinances, regulations, and policies; negotiation and review of intergovernmental agreements, contracts, and commercial transaction.

REQUIRED EDUCATION, LICENSURE & EXPERIENCE:

Education: Juris Doctorate degree from an accredited law school, minimum years of experience; six years as a practicing attorney; no discipline in an jurisdiction; background investigation required.

Licensure: State bar Licensed, active status, and in good standing, preferably South Dakota.

Experience: Demonstrated knowledge and familiarity with basic principles of federal Indian Law, including such topics as tribal sovereignty, civil and criminal jurisdiction, land use, taxation, and cooperative agreements between Indian tribes and state and local governments. Also subject matter experience in as many as the following as possible; Economic development, gaming, commercial transactions; natural resources or environmental law; treaty rights; health services; employment/personnel administration; public benefits; real estate; taxation.

Background Check/Pre-Employment Drug Screen: This position is subject to the Tribe's standard criminal background check for sensitive positions and drug screening.

Application/Closing Date: this hiring process was opened on 6/14/21 and will remain opened until filled. Submit cover letter , current resume, at least three professional references, and a legal writing sample to: Human Resource Department, 187 Oyate Circle, Lower Brule, SD 57548, at wilmwilson@lowerbrule.net.