

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBAL COURT  
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT  
APPELLATE COURT CHIEF JUSTICE

General Statement of Duties: The Chief Judge of the Appellate Court shall have all the administrative responsibilities of the Appellate Court and all employees thereof.

Supervision Received: The Chief Judge of the Appellate Court shall be directly responsible to the Tribal Council as a whole and shall work under the direct supervision of the Tribal Chairman for administrative purposes only.

Supervision Exercised: The Chief Judge of the Appellate Court shall have direct supervision of the Appellate Court Judges for administrative purposes only.

EXAMPLE OF DUTIES:

The Appellate Court shall hear all appeals from the Tribal Courts as provided for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Law and Order Code.

The Appellate Court shall issue written opinions in all cases brought before it and shall provide copies thereof to the parties, the Chairman and the Attorney General of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

The Appellate Court Judges shall have all powers necessary to insure order in their Court, compel obedience to their lawful orders as provided by law, and all other powers as provided for judges of the Tribal Court which are necessary for the administration of the Court and to fulfill the duties and purposes of the Appellate Court.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Required, Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Shall be at least twenty-five (25) years of age. Must be of high moral character and never have been convicted of any tribal, state and federal felony offenses and shall have not been convicted of a misdemeanor one year prior to appointment.

Must have recognized dispute resolution skills and be able to translate information and data into comprehensive, literate reports and documents.

Shall have the ability to recognize sensitive and complex issues relating to court cases and effectively resolve them.

Must possess good communication and writing skills.

Shall be or become familiar with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Law and Order Code and shall read and know all its applicable provisions with any uncodified laws of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and any case law developed through the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Court system and any Tribal Council resolutions and/or Ordinances.

Shall be familiar with any Federal or State law applicable to the persons within the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court and all rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure developed for the Tribal Court.

Experience:

Shall have no less than two (2) years of experience as a practicing attorney prior to assumption of the office.

Education:

Shall be an attorney-at-law, duly licensed to practice in the State of South Dakota and the Federal Courts.

Special Requirements:

Incumbent is subject to the CRST Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy; must pass pre-employment drug screening and will be subject to random drug screenings (will be required to sign and submit a form understanding and receiving policy).

Must be able to pass local/Tribal, Federal and State background checks (will be subject to submit and pass these checks every five (5) years).

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