

LUMMI TRIBAL COURT - BAR APPLICATION

SECTION 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. *Full Name:

2. Mailing Address:

Office Address:

3. *Business Phone: _____

4. *Business Email Address: _____

5. Date of Birth: _____

6. Place of Birth: _____

7. Law School Education:

Institution(s)	Date Graduated	Degree
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

8. Name all jurisdictions and courts, including Tribal Courts, in which you have been admitted to practice law, including date of admission and your current standing:

Jurisdiction	Date of Admission	Current Standing	Bar #
A. _____			
B. _____			
C. _____			
D. _____			

9. Have you ever been suspended or disbarred from any bar association. YES or NO. If yes, please explain the circumstances:

(*) This Information may be provided to the public 1
on the Lummi Tribal Court website and in a written
Bar List available to the public.
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10. If you have used another name on any records for law school, courts, bar associations, or driver's license, list the name(s) and when/ where used:

11. Have any proceedings ever been initiated regarding your moral character for admission to practice law in any jurisdiction in the United States or any other place in the world? YES or NO. If yes, provide full details on an attached sheet.

12. As an attorney or member of any profession or organization or holder of any office, have you ever been disbarred, suspended, reprimanded, censured, or otherwise disciplined for professional misconduct by any jurisdiction or court? YES or NO. If yes, give full details on an attached sheet, accompanied with appropriate documentation.

13. Have any complaints, formal or informal, other than those listed above, ever been made against you to the authority responsible for discipline in the jurisdictions or courts to which you have been admitted, including state and federal bars? YES or NO. If yes, give full details on an attached sheet, accompanied with appropriate documentation.

14. Are there any lawsuits or unsatisfied judgments or liens pending against you? YES or NO. If yes, give full details on an attached sheet, accompanied with appropriate documentation including a copy of any complaint or similar instrument or judgment

15. Have proceedings been instituted against you for the revocation of any license, including but not limited to a driver's license. YES or NO. If you, give full details on an attached sheet.

16. Have you ever been charged with fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or forgery in any civil, criminal, administrative or other proceedings? YES or NO. If yes, give full details on an attached sheet.

17. Have you experienced, or undergone treatment for any psychiatric problem, or for alcohol or drug dependency during the past five years, that would interfere with your ability to practice law? YES or NO. If yes, explain on an attached sheet.

18. Have you ever been dropped, suspended, or expelled from any university or college, or had any form of school or student disciplinary proceeding brought against you? YES or NO. If yes, explain on an attached sheet.

19. Have you ever been cited, arrested, charged or convicted for a violation of any law, (do not include minor non-criminal traffic tickets)? YES or NO. If yes, explain on an attached sheet.

20. *Areas of Practice: (Check all that apply.)

- Criminal Law
- Family Law (dissolution, child custody, child support)
- Probate / Estate Planning
- Landlord – Tenant
- Hunting and Fishing violations
- Traffic violations
- Treaty Rights
- Child Dependency
- Juvenile delinquency
- Domestic Violence and Anti-Harassment Protection Orders
- Elder Protection and Guardianships for Vulnerable Adults
- Torts / Personal Injury
- Employment Law
- Civil litigation
- Appeals – Criminal
- Appeals – Civil
- OTHER: _____

NOTE: If you check “Yes” to questions 21, 22, or 23, your business contact information indicated on this form by (*) will be published on the Lummi Tribal Court website and made available to the public in a written Bar List.

21. Will you be taking new clients with cases in the Lummi Tribal Court?

- Yes No

22. Are you interested in taking pro bono cases in the Lummi Tribal Court?

- Yes No

23. Are you interested in taking criminal cases on a contract basis when the Lummi Public Defenders’ Office is conflicted from a case? Yes No

Declaration

I, _____, state under penalty of perjury under the laws of the Lummi Nation and State of Washington that I am the applicant named above, that I am making this application for the admission to the Lummi Tribal Court Bar with the intent to practice as legal counsel representing clients in the Lummi Tribal Court. All information provided in this application that is being relied upon in determining my eligibility and fitness for admission is true and correct. I agree to take the Spokesperson’s Oath prior to representing any client(s) before the Lummi Tribal Court.

Signature

Date

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

Lummi Tribal Court
Attn: Court Manager
2665 Kwina Road
Bellingham, WA 98226
Phone: 360-312-2239

Lummi Court Staff use only below the line.

Background check completed:

Date: _____

By: _____

Application Reviewed:

Date: _____

By: Judge _____

SECTION 2: BAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Authority: Lummi Nation Code of Laws 1.05.020. To be admitted to the Tribal Court Bar a person must:

- (a) Be of good moral character;
- (b) Be approved by the Tribal Court under criteria established by the Court;
- (c) Sign and take the Spokesperson's Oath;
- (d) Pay the Tribal Court Bar application fee and annual admission fee; and
- (e) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Requirements for Admission for state licensed attorneys.

- 1) An attorney applicant must meet all requirements of LNCL 1.05.020.

- 2) An attorney licensed by a state bar association within the United States that applies appropriate professional licensing standards and effectively ensures the competence and professional responsibility of its licensed attorneys, and who is active and in good standing, may be admitted to practice in the Lummi Tribal Court without taking a tribal bar exam or a background check. Their experience and education as evidenced by active status in a state bar association satisfies the Court's requirement that the person seeking admission is competent to represent clients in the Lummi Tribal Court.

Requirements for Admission for non-attorney spokespersons.

- 1) The Court must be satisfied that the applicant for admission to the Lummi Tribal Court Bar as a spokesperson is of good moral character. Applicants who are not active members in good standing of a state bar association must submit to a background check through the Lummi Human Resources Department.
- 2) The Court must be satisfied that a person seeking admission to practice before the Lummi Tribal Court as a spokesperson is competent to provide adequate legal representation to clients. As a result, applicants for admission shall be required to take and pass a Lummi Tribal Court Bar examination.
- 3) The bar exam shall be closed book. The exam shall be taken without the assistance of any other person and without reference to any material.
- 4) To pass the exam, the applicant must have a score of seventy (70%) percent. The applicant shall have 90 minutes to complete the exam. The exam shall be given at the Lummi Tribal Court and monitored by a judge or court clerk.
- 5) Applicants may be notified of exam results by e-mail, fax or mail. They are to notify the Lummi Tribal Court clerk's office of their notice preference.
- 6) Applicants who do not pass the exam must wait thirty (30) days before re-taking the exam. Different exam questions will be on all subsequent examinations.
- 7) The applicant must meet all requirements of LNCL 1.05.020.
- 8) To prepare for the exam the applicant should be familiar with the Lummi Nation Code of Laws with particular focus on the Constitution and Bylaws of the Lummi Nation, Titles 1 through 11, the exclusion code, the probate code, and the eviction procedures code. The applicant may also be tested on important laws and legal doctrines in the area of Federal Indian law and general civil and criminal procedures.

SECTION 3: PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT GUIDELINES

The following principles of professional conduct are intended to inspire and provide guidance in the practice of law:

- In my dealings with lawyers, parties, witnesses, members of the bench, and court staff, I will be civil and courteous and guided by fundamental tenets of integrity and fairness.
- My word is my bond in my dealings with the court, with fellow counsel and with others.
- I will endeavor to resolve differences through cooperation and negotiation, giving due consideration to alternative dispute resolution.
- I will honor appointments, commitments and case schedules, and be timely in all my communications.
- I will design the timing, manner of service, and scheduling of hearings only for proper purposes, and never for the objective of oppressing or inconveniencing my opponent.
- I will conduct myself professionally during depositions, negotiations and any other interaction with opposing counsel as if I were in the presence of a judge.
- I will be forthright and honest in my dealings with the court, opposing counsel and others.
- I will be respectful of the court, the legal profession and the litigation process in my attire and in my demeanor.
- As an officer of the court, as an advocate, I will uphold the honor and dignity of the court and of the profession of law. I will strive always to instill and encourage a respectful attitude toward the courts, the litigation process and the legal profession.