

Lummi Indian Business Council

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT JOB TITLE: Paralegal I

Office of the Reservation Attorney (ORA)

OPEN: September 28, 2018 **CLOSE:** October 11, 2018

EXEMPT: No **JOB CODE:**

SALARY GRADE: (6) \$16.50 to \$18.48 per hour DOE **DIVISION**: Legal

SHIFT: Day DEPARTMENT: ORA

LOCATION: Tribal Administration **SUPERVISOR:** Reservation Attorney

DURATION: Regular Full Time **VACANCIES**: 1

JOB SUMMARY: The Paralegal I works under the supervision of the Reservation Attorney and other Staff Attorneys to perform paraprofessional tasks and a variety of clerical and administrative functions to facilitate effective operations of the ORA, as assigned.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following, and other related duties as assigned.

- 1. Perform legal tasks, including, but not limited to, arrange service of process, schedule depositions, trial preparation, updating court calendar, reconcile office and court records, and other tasks, as assigned.
- 2. Prepare and file legal documents. Draft, format, proof, edit, and cite check legal documents in preparation for filing and/or recording of pleadings, formal complaints, discovery requests and responses, declarations, witness and exhibit disclosures, reports, requests for information, subpoenas and other official documents.
- 3. Perform legal research. Review, analyze, and summarize sources, compile information, and recommend action, as requested.
- 4. Perform administrative tasks, including, but not limited to, timesheets, purchase orders and travel requests.
- 5. Establish and maintains databases while ensuring accuracy of data.
- 6. Draft, proof, and edit documents, including resolutions, legal reviews, correspondence, memos, and the like, as requested.
- 7. Maintain office calendars, arrange and schedule meetings, and reserve conference rooms as needed.
- 8. Manage and maintain office files according to established systems; create new files, close/archive files, and complete office filing.
- 9. Maintain office logs up-to-date and according to established standards.
- 10. Provide internal and external communications on behalf of the office; answer and screen telephone calls and walk-in inquiries; occasionally, attend meetings or hearings on behalf of ORA attorneys to take notes.
- 11. Provide Notary Public service for ORA Staff and others, as requested.
- 12. Independently perform complex and diverse clerical and general office support functions according to office policy and procedure.
- 13. General office responsibilities include printing, copying, faxing, scanning, office/printer supplies, receive/sort/ route mail, and other office needs.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Legal Assistant, Secretary or Paralegal Certification, *preferred*.
- 4 yrs experience as Legal Assistant, Secretary, or Paralegal *preferred*.
- Possess a valid WA State Driver's license and meet eligibility requirements for tribal insurance.
- Lummi/Native American/Veteran preference policy applies.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

- Working knowledge of legal terminology, practices and procedures required.
- Proficient in preparing correspondence, memorandums, minutes, transcriptions, presentation materials and etc.
- Strong working knowledge of advance functions of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel & Outlook) required, and proficient in establishing and maintaining data bases.
- Ability to draft legal documents, including, but not limited to, pleading, discovery and memoranda.
- Excellent reading, writing, typing, editing and analytical skills.
- Ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions; use good judgment for evaluating situations and making decisions.
- Ability to independently, organize and prioritize workloads and adapt to changing priorities.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment and independently.
- Ability to organize and maintain clear, concise, and accurate records, and follow office procedures.
- Ability to perform under tight deadlines and maintain patience in high pressure situations.
- Ability to manage highly confidential information with professionalism and unquestionable integrity.
- Excellent interpersonal skills to maintain good relations with Tribal officials, supervisor, fellow employees, tribal members and the general public.
- Experience working with the Lummi community is preferable.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must pass pre-employment and random drug and alcohol tests to be eligible for and maintain employment, as required by the LIBC Drug & Alcohol Free Workplace Policy.
- Position requires an extensive Criminal Background Check.
- Must have or obtain a Washington Notary Public appointment.
- Ability to drive and travel locally as directed and in accordance with the Lummi Nation's policies and procedures to complete tasks.

TO APPLY:

To obtain a Lummi Indian Business Council (LIBC) Application go to: https://www.lummi-nsn.gov/userfiles/381_2014%20LIBC%20Application.pdf or request by e-mail libchr@lummi-nsn.gov. For more information contact the HR front desk at (360) 312-2023. Please submit an LIBC application, cover letter, resume & reference letters no later than 4:30 p.m. on the closing date listed above. If listing degrees or certifications please include copies. Mailing Address: 2665 Kwina Road, Bellingham, WA 98226. Human Resource Fax number: 360-380-6991.