

**BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL COURT  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
CHIEF TRIBAL COURT JUDGE**

**POSITION:** Contract Chief Judge  
**OPENING DATE:** August 14, 2019  
**CLOSING DATE:** September 30, 2019  
**DEPARTMENT:** Bishop Paiute Tribal Court

The Bishop Paiute Tribe is seeking a Chief Tribal Court Judge. All Judges and Attorneys familiar with Tribal Law are invited to submit qualifications and proposals for the provision of these services.

The Bishop Paiute Tribal Court is located on the Bishop Paiute Indian Reservation in Bishop, California. The Bishop Indian Reservation is 875 acres with approximately 1200 residents. Bishop, California is in the Owens Valley east of the Sierra Nevada Mountain range.

The Bishop Paiute Tribe has a five (5) member Tribal Council form of government. A Tribal Chairman is elected from the five (5) Tribal Council members. The members of Tribal Council serve four-year terms, which are staggered terms. The laws of the Bishop Paiute Tribe are in Ordinance form. The Bishop Paiute Tribal Court was established by Ordinance No. 2003-03 in August 2003. Court is held once a month, the third Tuesday of each month and hears civil cases only.

Judges are appointed by the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council and shall serve for a term as set forth in the Judge's contract. The Court shall exercise subject matter and personal jurisdiction to the greatest extent permitted by the laws of the United States, including but not limited to civil jurisdiction over all persons found within the Bishop Paiute Reservation and over persons or entities who commit a tortious act or transact business within the territorial jurisdiction of the Court, subject to such limitations as may be determined by the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council.

The Bishop Paiute Tribal Court shall have, in addition to the powers which are inherent in courts established under the laws of sovereign Indian nations, the power to interpret, construe and apply the laws of or the laws applicable to the Tribe, to issue judgments, injunctions, attachments, execution, writs of mandamus, quo warrants, review, prohibition and to establish by rule Court procedures for the operation of the Bishop Paiute Tribal Court.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
2. Must be a graduate of an accredited law school;
3. Must have at least five (5) years' experience in legal matters involving tribes;

4. Currently admitted to practice in one or more state courts; and
5. Prefer experience in practicing law in a Tribal Court

### **REQUESTED INFORMATION**

1. Resume
2. Summary of qualification, legal services you have provided and the length of time the services have been provided, specializations, experience, special training
3. State/Tribal Bar Number
4. A minimum of three (3) professional references, with addresses and phone numbers.
5. List and describe any litigation, arbitration, claims or Bar complaints filed against you within the last five (5) years.
6. Other factors or special considerations you feel would influence the selection.

### **COMPENSATION**

The Bishop Paiute Tribe agrees to compensate the performance of the services rendered pursuant to the contract and during the term of the contract in the sum of \$1,000.00 per month. This compensation includes reimbursement for cost of travel to court hearings, judiciary duties as outlined, long-distance telephone calls, fax charges, postal charges, courier services, delivery charges, photocopying and online database retrieval charges (Westlaw, etc.) and the Tribe will not reimburse for any charge of invoice that includes any such costs in addition to the compensation amount stated above.

### **SUBMITTAL**

Provide three (3) copies of the Proposal, including one original. Proposals may be submitted in person or by mail to:

Bishop Paiute Tribal Council  
Attn: Gloriana Bailey, Tribal Administrator  
50 Tu Su Lane  
Bishop, CA 93514

For more information, contact Gloriana Bailey, at (760) 873-3584 ext.1300 or by email at [Gloriana.bailey@bishoppaiute.org](mailto:Gloriana.bailey@bishoppaiute.org)

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 4:00PM, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.**

The Bishop Paiute Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to re-advertise.