



Vacancy Announcement: SUMMER INTERN – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Agency: National Indian Gaming Commission
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Washington DC 20005

Starting Salary: Equivalent to GS-7

Duty Station: Washington, DC

****Relocation expenses will not be paid.***

Opening Date: 02/11/11 **Closing Date:** 03/15/11

This position may be filled prior to the closing date.

Number of positions: One

The National Indian Gaming Commission's Office of General Counsel (OGC) is seeking applicants for one temporary intern position for the summer of 2011. OGC's summer internship program is for students who have completed at least their first year of law school. Paid interns are expected to work at least 40 hours per week and are compensated at a rate equivalent to a General Schedule 7 (equivalent to \$42,209 annually). In addition to paid interns, OGC will consider volunteer applicants receiving financial support through law school public interest programs or through other public interest scholarships and federal work study programs. Interns funded by Federal Work Study programs will also be considered.

About the NIGC and the Office of General Counsel

The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), an independent federal regulatory agency within the Department of the Interior, was established by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). IGRA was enacted as means of supporting tribal economic development, self-sufficiency, and strong tribal governments through the creation of a statutory basis for the operation of gaming on Indian lands. It provides a regulatory framework to shield Indian gaming from corruption, to ensure the games are fair and

honest and to ensure that Tribes are the primary beneficiaries of the gaming operation. The Commission was created to address these congressional concerns regarding gaming and to protect such gaming as a means of generating tribal revenue.

The Office of General Counsel provides legal advice and counsel to the Commission on all matters relating to IGRA and Commission compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Office represents the Chairwoman in all enforcement actions and, as needed, coordinates with the U.S. Department of Justice to implement the Commission's enforcement actions. The Office also plays an important role in handling appeals before the full Commission, and where Commission action results in litigation, the Office works directly with the Department of Justice.

The Office of the General Counsel also manages the day-to-day legal affairs of the Commission, providing counsel and legal support to each division. The Office reviews tribal gaming ordinances and proposed management contracts, provides legal advisory opinions on the appropriate classification of games played in Indian gaming facilities, on Indian land issues, contract issues, and general law questions. The Office also coordinates opinions and other specific matters with the Department of the Interior's Office of the Solicitor, and other federal agencies as necessary. The NIGC OGC is committed to the professional development of new attorneys in the field of federal Indian law.

HOW TO APPLY

NIGC's internships are highly competitive. Interns are selected on the basis of their overall applications. Due to the nature of NIGC's practice, experience in Indian law or a background in Indian affairs is highly desirable.

Applicants must submit the following materials:

- Cover Letter Addressed to Lawrence Roberts, General Counsel
- Resume
- Legal Writing Sample
- Law School Transcripts. Official transcripts are required.

Applications may be sent via email to Heather McMillan Nakai at heather_nakai@nigc.gov, by facsimile to 202-632-7066 or by regular mail to:

NIGC Internship Program

Attn. Heather McMillan Nakai
1441 L Street NW, Suite 9100
Washington, DC 20005

Note: INDIAN PREFERENCE POLICY: This position is subject to an Indian hiring preference. Preference in filling vacancies within the NIGC applies to qualified Indian candidates pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §§ 44-46, 472, 2702, 2704, 2706, 2707, and 2709. **An**

applicant must state on his or her application that he or she is an Indian within the meaning of these laws and must provide the required documentation with the application.

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The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability and genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, or other non-merit factor.

Reasonable Accommodation

Federal agencies must provide reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process should contact the hiring agency directly. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

The deadline for applications is **March 15, 2011**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. For an application to be considered complete, the cover letter, resume, legal writing sample and transcript must be received via email, facsimile or mail by the deadline. It is preferred that completed applications, with all letters of recommendation, be provided together in one package. However, letters of recommendation may be mailed separately. Letters of recommendation will be accepted if received within 10 working days of March 15, 2011.

Please email Heather McMillan Nakai at heather_nakai@nigc.gov if you have any questions.