



Spirit Lake Tribal Court

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APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSED ATTORNEY ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW BEFORE THE SPIRIT LAKE TRIBAL COURT

Please Check One:

Initial Application []
Renewal Application (January 1ST to December 31ST) []

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Non-member of the Spirit Lake Tribe, Pursuant §2-4-103(1-4) & §2-4-104 []
Tribal member of the Spirit Lake Tribe Pursuant Promulgated Rules 3 & 7 []

1. Name: _____
2. Address: _____
3. Phone Number (s): _____
4. DOB: _____
5. Place of Birth: _____
6. Tribal Affiliation: _____
7. Race, if not, Native American: _____
8. Are you licensed to practice law before a United States District Court, and the Supreme Court of a State of the United States? YES [] NO []
9. Please list the state(s) in which you are licensed to practice law: _____

10. Please list the United States District Court(s) in which you are licensed to practice law: _____

11. Are you familiar with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Spirit Lake Tribe, the Spirit Lake Tribe Law and Order Code, all other ordinances of the Tribe, Title 25 of the United States Code, and Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations? YES [] NO []
12. Has your license ever been suspended, revoked, or disbarred from the practice of law by any court of the United States, tribal, federal, or state? YES [] NO [] if yes, please explain: _____

13. Are you currently involved in any legal proceedings involving suspension, revocation, or disbarment? YES [] NO [] if yes, please explain: _____

14. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony offense against the law, or are you currently under charges for any offense(s) against the law? YES [] NO [] if yes, please explain: _____

15. Have you ever had any ethical complaints filed against you in this court, and/or in any other Tribal, federal, or state court? YES [] NO [] if yes, please explain the outcome: _____

16. Do you currently have any ethical violations pending against you in this court, and/or in any other Tribal, federal, or state court? YES [] NO [] if yes, please explain the outcome: _____

17. Do you agree to represent indigent defendants and/or on a pro bono basis, if assigned to you by the Spirit Lake Tribal Court Judge, once you are admitted to practice law before this Court? YES [] NO [] if no, please explain: _____

18. Please list three (3) references:

Name: Address: Phone: Relationship:

19. Please list your employment history for the past five (5) years:

Employer: Address: Years

Employed:

20. Please describe your experience(s) practicing law in this Tribal court and/or any Tribal court: _____

21. **Annual Fee:** Paying an annual license fee as prescribed by the Tribal Council. \$150.00 per year for professional licensed attorneys payable by check or money order to:

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Please submit the following:

1. An Affidavit and Statement stating that the you are licensed to practice law before a United States District Court and the Supreme Court of a State of the United States;
2. A copy of your attorney license(s);
3. An Affidavit stating that you have studied and is familiar with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Spirit Lake Tribe, the Spirit Lake Tribe Law and Order Code, all other ordinances of the Tribe, Title 25 of the United States Code, and Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations;
4. Verification Letter;
5. Attorney Oath to Practice Law before the Spirit Lake Tribal Court;

Signature of Applicant

Date

VERIFICATION

State of: _____

County of: _____

I, _____, do hereby verify that I am the applicant in the forgoing documents and that all the statements and answers made in this application are true, complete, and correct, and that I am not a member of the Spirit Lake Tribal Council, and not an employee of the Spirit Lake Tribe.

Signature of Applicant

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

(Notary Seal)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires on: _____

Professional Licensed Attorney Oath to Practice Law before the Spirit Lake Tribe

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the Spirit Lake Tribe and the Constitution of the United States;

I will maintain the respect due to the Tribal Courts and their judicial officers;

I will not counsel or maintain any suit or proceeding, which shall appear to me to be unjust, nor any defense, unless I believe it to be honestly valid or debatable under color of law;

I will employ only such means as are consistent with truth and honor, and I will never seek to mislead any judge or jury by any artifice, or by false statement, or misrepresentation of fact or law;

I will employ the highest degree of ethics and moral standards with which my profession is charged, and I will be guided at all times by the quest for truth and justice;

In the conduct of my duties as an attorney, I will not impugn the morals, character, honesty, good faith, or competence of any person, nor advance any fact prejudicial to honor or reputation of any person, unless required by justice of the cause for which I am charged."

Signature of Applicant

Date

Chief Judge

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

Clerk of Court

(Seal or Notary Seal)

Notary Public

My Commission Expires on: _____

AFFIDAVIT AND STATEMENT

I, _____ being duly sworn on Oath, depose and affirm that I am licensed to practice law before a United States District Court and the Supreme Court of a state of the United States, and that I have studied and I am with the Spirit Lake Tribe Constitution and Bylaws, Spirit Lake Tribe Law and Order Code, all other ordinances of the Tribe, Title 25 of the United States Code, and Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and that the statements made in my affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

(Seal)

Clerk of Court

Granted

Denied

Chief Judge