

Title 2 – Courts
Chapter 5. Attorneys and Lay Counselors

Sec. 501. Qualifications for admissions as attorney or lay counselor.

(a) Attorneys. No person may practice as an attorney before the Tribal Court or Court of Appeals unless admitted to practice and enrolled as an attorney of the Tribal Court upon written application. Any attorney at law who is a member in good standing of the bar of any state or federal court shall be eligible for admission to practice before the Tribal Court upon approval of the Chief Judge, and successful completion of a bar examination administered as prescribed by the Tribal Executive Board.

(b) Lay counselor. Any person who meets qualifications established in this Section shall be eligible for admission to practice before the Court as a lay counselor upon written application and approval of the Chief Judge. To be eligible to serve as a lay counselor, a person

- (1) Must be at least twenty one (21) years of age;
- (2) Must be of high moral character and integrity;
- (3) Not have been dishonorably discharged from the Armed Services;
- (4) Must have successfully completed a bar examination administered as prescribed by the Tribal Executive Board;
- (5) Must not have been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction.

(AMENDED AS PER RESOLUTION NO. 904-90-6, DATED 06/25/90.)

(c) Any person whose application to practice as an attorney or lay counselor is denied by the Chief Judge may appeal that determination to the Fort Peck Court of Appeals within fifteen (15) days of the denial. The Fort Peck Court of Appeals shall request a statement of the reasons for the denial from the Chief Judge, and after receiving such statement shall review the application and any other record which was before the Chief Judge and may, in its discretion, hear oral argument by

the applicant. The Court of Appeals shall determine de novo whether the applicant shall be admitted, and its determination shall be final.