

# JUDICIAL BRANCH OF THE NAVAJO NATION

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### Vacancy Announcement

Applications are being accepted for the Chief Justice position, which serves the Navajo Nation and is the chief administrator of the Judicial Branch.

To be considered for the position of Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation, candidates must be at least 30 years old, enrolled members of the Navajo Nation, and hold a Juris Doctor degree. Sitting Navajo Nation judges who meet all requirements for appointment as Chief Justice are preferred. Judicial appointment qualifications are statutorily defined in 7 N.N.C. § 354.

Information on judicial retention and performance evaluation is posted on the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch website at <https://courts.navajo-nsn.gov/HR/Personnelrulesjudges.htm> under Personnel Rules for Judges and Justices. Applications for judicial offices are available on the Judicial Branch's website at <https://courts.navajo-nsn.gov/vacancies.htm>. The salary for the position is **\$138,476.16** per year. For additional information about working for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch, email Cheron Damon, the Human Resources Director for the Judicial Branch, at [csdamon@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:csdamon@navajo-nsn.gov) or call her at 928-871-7023, and LaVonne Wauneka, Judicial Staff Assistant for the Office of the Chief Justice, at [lavonneauneka@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:lavonneauneka@navajo-nsn.gov) or call her at 928-871-7669.

Navajo Nation law requires the Judicial Conduct Commission to submit nominees to the President of the Navajo Nation. The President of the Navajo Nation shall appoint the Chief Justice, subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council, from among the applicants recommended by the Law and Order Committee.