

**MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE  
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT  
PUBLIC DEFENDER**

**Job Summary**

The Public Defender will represent defendants in criminal proceedings filed in the Mescalero Apache Tribal Court. The Public Defender will work to resolve matters in an ethical and professional manner. The Public Defender will oversee Office of the Public Defender staff. A full job description will be provided upon request.

**Minimum Qualifications**

- A law degree from an ABA approved law school;
- Member of the New Mexico State Bar or another state bar and in good standing; where the successful candidate is not licensed in New Mexico, then he or she must obtain a license to practice law in the State of New Mexico within one year of the date of hire;
- At least 3 years working in a court as a public defender; experience in a tribal court setting preferred;
- Possess a valid New Mexico driver's license and be insurable;
- Submit and pass a background check;
- Basic understanding of federal Indian law.

Tribal preferences will be applied. Position is open until filled. Salary is based on experience. Please submit letter of interest and resume to Alice Gandara-Diaz, HR Director, [agandara-diaz@mescaleroapachetribe.com](mailto:agandara-diaz@mescaleroapachetribe.com). Questions may be submitted to Ms. Gandara-Diaz via email or telephone at (575) 464-4494.