

My name is Joshua Parish and I am running for the position as appellate judge for our community. I am a graduate of Thomas Cooley Law School where I received my Juris Doctorate. I grew up on the Bay Mills reservation and enlisted into the military in 2000 and in 2003 I deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom as a combat engineer. After returning home from my deployment I began working for Bay Mills as a Fisheries Technician and in 2011, my wife and I moved to the lower peninsula with our children to further my education and career.



While pursuing my undergraduate degree I completed an internship for a probate court where I served as a fraud investigator. Shortly after graduating with my bachelor's degree in Legal Studies I began working for a county veterans affairs office as a program director for an emergency relief fund where I was tasked to create programs that helped veterans and their families. One of my proudest accomplishments was creating the Livingston County Veterans Treatment Court.

After working for the county for five years I accepted a position with the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency as a regional coordinator and for the last year I have been working very closely with the Tribal Council to create a Tribal Veterans Affairs office on the Bay Mills reservation.

Giving back to the community that I grew up in has always been very important to me and I believe that there is no better way to give back than to use my knowledge of the law to help our tribal members. One of my strongest characteristics in law school was my research and investigative skills, which is critical in the appellate process and I will decide each case presented to me in a fair and objective manner. An appellate judge serves a crucial purpose to our tribal members and knowledge of the law is vital for this position. I humbly ask for your vote in our upcoming election and I will be honored to make positive changes in our community.