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United South and Eastern Tribes and USET Sovereignty Protection Fund 2027 Summer Law Clerk Program

The United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) and the USET Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF) are accepting applications from law school students for the 2027 Summer Law Clerk Program. The Program is conducted in USET SPF's Washington, D.C. office, with an expectation of in-person attendance a minimum of 3 days per week. This is a paid, full-time position with a term of 8–10 weeks. Specific payment terms and dates will be determined based on the candidate's level of experience and availability.

Established in 1969, USET is a non-profit, inter-Tribal organization serving 33 federally recognized Tribal Nations from the Northeastern Woodlands to the Everglades and across the Gulf of Turtle Island. USET is dedicated to enhancing the development of Tribal Nations, improving the capabilities of Tribal governments, and improving the quality of life for Native people through a variety of technical and supportive programmatic services. USET SPF was established in 2014 to educate and advocate on behalf of USET's 33 Tribal Nation members—promoting, protecting, and advancing the inherent sovereign rights and authorities of Tribal Nations and assisting its membership in dealing effectively with public policy issues. You can learn more at our website: <https://www.usetinc.org/>.

Qualifications for candidates for the 2027 Summer Law Clerk Program include strong academic performance, developed research and writing skills, and a commitment to advocating on behalf of Tribal Nations. Candidates must be currently enrolled in law school at the time of participation in the Program. While second-year law students are preferred, first-year law students are welcome to apply.

Applications must include a cover letter, resume, unofficial law school transcript, writing sample, and 2–3 professional or academic references. We will be accepting and reviewing applications on a rolling basis, with a deadline of September 30, 2026.

Interested candidates should submit their application materials to our General Counsel, Katie Klass, at kklass@usetinc.org, and our Director of Employee Relations and Personnel Management, Melisa Stephens, at mstephens@usetinc.org.