

# HAISLA HEMAAS

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Judge Navin C. Naidu  
Native American Law & Justice Center  
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Maple Valley, Washington 98038

Dear Judge Naidu

## **Instrument of Judicial Appointment for Chief Justice, Haisla Nation Judiciary**

We are the Hereditary Chiefs of the Haisla Nation. We have about fifteen hundred people making up the membership of our Tribe. Our ancestral territory is located in what is known as the North coast of British Columbia, Canada. Kitamaat is the name of the community in which we reside. We have several hundred thousand acres of ancestral lands held in trust by the Canadian government for our exclusive use and purpose.

The Haisla Hereditary Chiefs have decided to appoint you as **Chief Justice** of our sovereign tribal nation's independent judiciary, effective immediately. Your immediate task would be to advise the Haisla Hereditary Chiefs in efforts to obtain federal and international recognition as a sovereign political community. Your functions and duties will include the following:

- Assist our Nation in the set up of a Supreme Tribal Court with rules, protocols, and personnel befitting this organ of a sovereign state.
- Adjudicate disputes and controversies in areas involving tribal members and other tribal or non-tribal persons.
- Adjudicate disputes and controversies involving Haisla Hereditary Chiefs and the other governments, including band council, municipal, regional district, provincial and federal protocols.

- Assist in the drafting of a Constitution which recognizes the ongoing role of the Haisla Hereditary Chiefs.
- Assist us in the drafting of a Haisla Code of Conduct which will become our law book based on the Native Code.
- Advise and assist the Haisla Hereditary Chiefs in matters relating to finance, economics, banking and law.
- Drafting new laws for the Haisla Nation.
- Representing the Haisla Hereditary Chiefs in Provincial and Federal courts, if the need arises, as Chief Tribal Counsel in civil and criminal matters.
- Represent the Haisla Hereditary Chiefs in negotiations with Provincial and Federal government agencies, departments and instrumentalities.
- We hereby grant you the exclusive right to negotiate and discuss the possibility and economic viability of stationing at least two hundred Gurkha troops as peace officers under the command of the executive branch of the Traditional Haisla Hereditary Chiefs.

We welcome this opportunity to work with you and we look forward to a fruitful relationship for all concerned.

Thank you,

Chief Jasee \_\_\_\_\_ Signed original on file  
Tom Robinson

Chief Sunahead \_\_\_\_\_ Signed original on file  
John Wilson Sr.

Antagamnoth \_\_\_\_\_ Signed original on file  
Harvey Grant Sr.

Chief Wakas \_\_\_\_\_ Signed original on file  
Allan Williams Sr.