

KATIE CORBIERE

Chief Judge Candidate 2025

Because Justice Should Restore, Not Divide



Aanii, my name is Katie Corbiere, and I am seeking your support as I run for Chief Judge in the 2025 Bay Mills Indian Community Election.

I was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, and since graduating high School I have lived both on and off the reservation. Moving between these two worlds has taught me what it means to be grounded in our community, as well as the challenges of being apart from it. These experiences have strengthened my values and reinforced my commitment to return home and put my knowledge and experience to work for Bay Mills.

I am the granddaughter of Arthur and Grace Solberg, and the daughter of Gail Glezen and Donald Corbiere. My path has always been guided by one purpose: to serve Bay Mills. I began at the casino, where I witnessed the dedication of our workers and the importance of opportunity for our people. I later worked in Bay Mills Social Services, supporting families in need, and eventually became President of the Child Welfare Committee, where I gained leadership and advocacy experience. Today, I guide students as Director of Financial Aid at Bay Mills Community College while also serving as your Appellate Judge.

My background in psychology and my graduate studies in criminology at the University of Michigan, beginning this winter, provide me with the academic tools to navigate complex issues of justice, trauma, and accountability. But more important is my personal journey. The justice system has had a profound impact on my life, and I have made mistakes along the way. Yet my people never gave up on me. I live in recovery, openly and without shame. That journey is why I am running for Chief Judge – because I believe in transparency, honesty, and resilience, and I want to bring those values to our court.

Justice must reflect our Native values. It should hold perpetrators accountable, give victims a voice, and guide our community back to balance. I also know what it takes to sit behind the bench and make difficult calls. Fairness and impartiality are essential, and I will always *serve without bias*. As Chief Judge, I will work to ensure our system heals as it disciplines, strengthens families, and protects future generations to come.

Miigwetch for your trust and support.