

## **AURORA LEE CONLEY**

**BAD RIVER – ASHLAND COUNTY**

**Occupation:** Litigation Support Specialist

**Employer:** Bad River Tribe

Aurora is Anishinaabe from the Bad River Band of Lake Superior. She's worked for the Bad River Tribe's Legal Department since 2012 as the Litigation Support Specialist. She has an Associate's Degree from LCO Community College in Liberal Arts, is alumni of the Ashland/Bayfield County Leadership Program, and received one of the first certifications in National Tribal Advocacy in 2015.

Aurora is passionate and involved in many environmental justice issues, brought to focus while introduced to Honor the Earth and Indigenous Environmental Network, national Native grassroots organizations. Aurora serves the Anishinabe Environmental Protection Alliance as Vice-Chair, organized community throughout Wisconsin's Mining Bill. She was recently sponsored as an International Delegate in regards to mining issues in Central America- El Salvador with Sister Cities-Madison and Guatemala with NISGUA International. Aurora represented at the United Nations Forum on Climate Change in Denmark and Mexico. She is trained in photovoltaics and alternative energy usage, and is excited to see community sustainability and prosperity.

Aurora serves the Bad River Volunteer Fire Department as a 1st Responder. She Co-Coordinates a Harm Reduction Needle Exchange in the region, helping educate and create awareness in communities and is working on a national Native Harm Reduction coalition.

Aurora lives in Bad River with her 2 little boys, 4 year old Miskogiizhik (Red Sky), and 6 year old Jordan, a 1st grader. She enjoys going to powwows, singing, dancing, beading, arts & crafts. She loves being with family & friends, enjoying nature-the beach, sunsets, adventuring with her children, and traveling. . She has a passion for children and youth, education, culture, and advocating for social and environmental justice.

She would love to create and sustain a better home, family and community, finish her Bachelor's Degree with UW-Superior -continuing the pursuit of education and knowledge; learn to garden someday, paint, cook, meditate and do amazing photography.



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