



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MARYLAND VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: Temporary Law Clerk
Location: Baltimore or Greenbelt Maryland

Close Date: Open until filled
Preference given to applications received by **March 30, 2026**.

Starting Salary Range: JSP 11/01 (\$85,447)

The United States District Court for the District of Maryland is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time, short-term (limited to one-year), temporary law clerk. Current funding is approved through the end of this fiscal year but is subject to availability in fiscal year 2027 (October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027).

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES: The temporary law clerk provides legal research and writing assistance to numerous judges, principally in connection with immigration habeas corpus petitions. Applicants must possess excellent research, writing, proofreading, and communication skills.

QUALIFICATIONS STANDARDS:

To qualify for this position, applicants must be a law school graduate from a law school approved by the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools at the time of appointment. Applicants should have excellent academic standing and possess excellent research, writing, and communication skills. The applicant must exhibit good character and maturity. Law review, moot court or legal clinic experience is preferred.

FEDERAL BENEFITS:

- Health, dental, vision, life, and long-term care insurance programs available.
- Flexible spending accounts for health and dependent care available.
- Paid federal holidays (11 days).
- Telework possibilities after successful training and at the discretion of the judge.
- The U.S. District Court is a qualifying employer for possible Public Service Loan Forgiveness.
- Employer paid parking or transit subsidy available.
- Additional information about the federal judiciary's benefits can be found at www.uscourts.gov/careers/benefits

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

The best qualified applicants will be invited for an interview. Due to the large number of applications anticipated, only those applicants invited for interviews will be contacted by the Court.

Applications must be submitted electronically. The application shall consist of:

- Cover letter
- Resume (with rank and honors)
- Writing Sample(s) (not to exceed 5 pages)
- Transcripts – undergraduate and graduate degrees
- Three references (name, affiliation, and contact information) from persons who are familiar with your work

Email complete application as one submission (attachments in PDF only) to: jobs@mdd.uscourts.gov and include “Law Clerk” in the subject header of the email

No phone calls please.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Due to the volume of applications received, the Court may communicate only with those selected for an interview and unsuccessful applicants will not receive notice.
- The United States District Court for the District of Maryland reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, to withdraw the job announcement, to commence interviews immediately, or to fill the position sooner than the closing date, any of which actions may occur without prior written or other notice
- The United States District Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applications will be reviewed to identify the best qualified candidates.
- Applicants must be a United States citizen or national or a permanent resident who is seeking citizenship in the United States. Successful candidate for this position is subject to a full fingerprint and background records check and mandatory electronic direct deposit of salary payment.
- This is a sensitive position within the Federal Judiciary. The selected candidate will be hired provisionally, pending the successful completion of the required background investigation and favorable employment suitability determination.
- Employees must adhere to the Code of Conduct of Judicial Employees which is available at: <https://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/judiciary-policies/code-conduct/code-conduct-judicial-employees>
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