



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

TEMPORARY SOCIAL SECURITY LAW CLERK (9-MONTH TERM)

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER	15-WAW-06
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE	December 31, 2014
CLOSING DATE	January 12, 2015, or until filled
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES	<p>The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington is seeking qualified candidates for a temporary law clerk position. Our district has one of the highest social security caseloads in the country and we seek a law clerk to assist our Tacoma magistrate judges with this caseload. This full-time temporary position is available immediately and is funded through September 30, 2015. The position requires travel between Tacoma and Seattle.</p>
REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The law clerk in this position will work for the court on social security appeals and will perform legal research, draft reports and recommendations, proposed orders and orders in consent cases.
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidates must be law school graduates from an accredited law school, must work well independently, must possess excellent research and writing skills, and must be experienced with Word, Westlaw or Lexis, and related software. Preference will be given to individuals with previous experience, particularly with social security cases.
SALARY	JS 11 Step 1, \$62,486
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS	<p>Qualified applicants should submit the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A letter of interest addressing relevant work experience• A current resume• A writing sample of no more than five pages <p>Submit all materials via e-mail (Word or Acrobat .pdf format) to: seattle_personnel@wawd.uscourts.gov</p> <p>Or send to: Human Resources (#15-WAW-04) U. S. District Court 700 Stewart Street, Suite 2218 Seattle, WA 98101</p> <p>Only qualified applicants will be considered for this position. Applicants must be United States citizens or eligible to work in the United States. Applicants selected for interviews must travel at their own expense.</p>

The United States District Court requires employees to follow a code of conduct which is available upon request. Reference checks with current and former employers will be conducted on top candidates. A background investigation with law enforcement agencies, including fingerprint and criminal record checks, will be conducted as a condition of employment. Any applicant selected for a position will be hired provisionally pending successful completion of the investigation. Unsatisfactory results may result in termination of employment.

The Federal Financial Management Reform Act requires direct deposit of federal wages.

The Court provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please notify human resources. The decision on granting reasonable accommodations will be made on a case by case basis.

BENEFITS:

The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, to withdraw the announcement, or to fill the position sooner than the closing date, any of which may occur without prior written or other notice. In the event that a position becomes vacant in a similar classification, within a reasonable time from the original announcement, management may elect to select a candidate from the applicants who responded to the original announcement without posting the position. More than one position may be filled from this announcement.

Employees of the United States District Court are considered “at will” employees. Temporary law clerks appointed for more than 90 days accrue annual and sick leave, but are not eligible for other benefits. Judiciary employees are not covered by the Office of Personnel Management’s civil service classification system or regulations. For additional information on employment with the federal courts, please visit www.uscourts.gov.