



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

TERM LAW CLERK TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER 15-WAW-07

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE February 6, 2015

CLOSING DATE February 24, 2015, or until filled

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Term Law Clerk to an incoming United States Magistrate Judge in Tacoma, Washington. This position will be appointed for a one year term.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES The law clerk performs legal research, drafts orders, reports and recommendations, and memoranda for habeas corpus, civil rights, and social security disability cases, as well as consent and referred cases of all types. The law clerk also communicates with counsel, assists the judge during courtroom proceedings, trains and supervises externs, and performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS 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 at least two years of legal experience, particularly as a law clerk to a federal judge.

SALARY Starting salary range: \$62,486 (JS 11) to \$105,243 (JS 14)
Depending upon experience, qualifications and bar membership

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS Qualified applicants should submit the following:

- A letter of interest addressing relevant work experience
- A current resume
- A writing sample of no more than five pages
- Name and contact information for two references

Submit all materials via e-mail (Word or Acrobat .pdf format) to:
seattle_personnel@wawd.uscourts.gov

Or send to:

Human Resources (#15-WAW-07)

U. S. District Court

700 Stewart Street, Suite 2218

Seattle, WA 98101

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.

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.

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.

BENEFITS:

Employees of the United States District Court are considered “at will” employees. Term law clerks are eligible to participate in health and life insurance benefits, long term disability and long term care options, annual and sick leave accrual, and ten paid holidays per year. 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.

The United States District Court is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity in the work place.