



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

TEMPORARY IMMIGRATION PRO SE LAW CLERK
FULL-TIME

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER

26-WAW-16

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE

March 19, 2026

CLOSING DATE

Open until filled, preference given to applications received by April 1, 2026.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington is seeking qualified candidates for a full-time, 40-hours per week, temporary *pro se* law clerk position for U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. The position is open for an immediate start date. The duration of the position will not exceed September 30, 2026, although it may be extended depending upon the availability of additional future funding. The position will be located in the Seattle, Washington U.S. Courthouse. The Court would consider a remote working and/or flex time arrangement.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

The ideal candidate will have work experience in state or federal litigation (or other legal employment involving research and writing) and in legal matters that require analysis of federal constitutional law, Immigration law, and habeas corpus matters. The *pro se* law clerk will focus on drafting dispositive orders addressing habeas petitions brought under 28 U.S.C § 2241 by noncitizens who are in immigration detention.

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must be law school graduates from an accredited law school. The Court requires a law clerk who demonstrates independence, strong case management skills and work ethic, excellent research and writing skills, and a high skill level for using Word, Westlaw or Lexis and related technology. Preference will be given to individuals with previous law clerk or litigation experience.

SALARY

Judicial Salary Plan / JSP Grade 11 to 14, Salary Range: \$83,935 to \$183,782 annually
Depending on experience and qualifications.

BENEFITS

The U.S. District Court provides a generous benefits package, competitive salary, ORCA transit pass and a dedication to work/life balance, including flexible schedules and telework opportunities. All law clerks are eligible for health and life insurance benefits, long term care options, annual and sick leave accrual, and eleven 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.

**INFORMATION FOR
APPLICANTS**

Qualified applicants should submit the following:

- A letter of interest
- A current resume
- A law school transcript for any applicant with less than two years of experience as an attorney
- One (1) writing sample of not to exceed ten (10) pages
- Three (3) professional references. Applicants with prior clerkship experience should include contact information for judges for whom the applicant has clerked.
- A completed [A078](#), Application for Employment **For this vacancy announcement (26-WAW-16), you **do not** need to complete the optional background information – questions 18, 19, and 20.*

Submit all materials via e-mail (Word or Acrobat .pdf format) to:

Seattle_Personnel@wawd.uscourts.gov

Only qualified applicants will be considered for this position. Applicants must be United States citizens or eligible to work in the United States. Employees of the United States District Court are considered “at will” employees. Applicants selected for interviews must travel (for in-person interviews) or connect via Zoom (for remote interviews) 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 United States District Court for the Western District of Washington is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage applications from all qualified individuals and seek a diverse pool of applicants in terms of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age, languages spoken, veteran’s status, disability status, religion, and socio-economic circumstance.

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. If a position becomes vacant in a similar classification, within a reasonable time from the original announcement, the court may 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. Temporary law clerks who are appointed for more than 90 days are eligible for health insurance benefits, annual and sick leave accrual, and paid holidays. 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 workplace.