



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

SOCIAL SECURITY LAW CLERK

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER 26-WAW-33

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE August 4, 2026

CLOSING DATE Open until filled; preference given to applications received by August 26, 2026.

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington is seeking qualified candidates for a term law clerk to work exclusively on Social Security appeals. This is a one-year position that will start as soon as possible in September 2026 and conclude at the end of September, 2027. The four-year limit on federal term law clerks applies to this position. This position is located in Seattle or Tacoma, Washington and will work directly with one or more Judges, and their staff under the direction of the Chief District Judge. The position may be appropriate for a remote working option.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES The law clerk in this position will work for the court on Social Security appeals and will perform legal research, and draft orders.

QUALIFICATIONS **Candidates must possess excellent research and writing skills.** They must also be law school graduates from an accredited law school; be organized and work well independently; be experienced with Word, Westlaw, Lexis, and related software; and have a demonstrated commitment to diversity and an inclusive work environment. Preference will be given to individuals with previous experience, particularly with Social Security cases.

SALARY RANGE Judiciary Salary Plan (JSP) Grade 11 – 13, depending on experience, qualifications, and bar membership.

Salary range: \$83,935 to \$155,521 annually, full-time

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.

