

United States Court of Federal Claims Vacancy Announcement

Position: Term Law Clerk to the Chief Judge

Opening Date: July 24, 2019

Closing Date: August 14, 2019

Salary:	Job Grade:	JSP 11/1 – 13/1
	Salary Minimum:	\$69,581
	Salary Maximum:	\$99,172

The United States Court of Federal Claims is seeking to fill a law clerk position in the chambers of Chief Judge Margaret M. Sweeney. Expected clerkship tenure is from late September 2019 through late September 2021.

The Court

The United States Court of Federal Claims is an Article I court that handles monetary claims against the United States that do not sound in tort (e.g., contract claims, military and civilian pay claims, certain tax refund claims, Fifth Amendment takings claims). The court has nationwide jurisdiction.

Position Overview

The judicial law clerk researches issues of law, drafts bench memoranda and opinions, attends trials and other court proceedings, and acts as advisor, making recommendations based upon the law. The position may also require the performance of limited routine administrative tasks. The caseload in the jurisdiction is heavy, and the types of cases presented are varied, often involving novel and complex issues of fact and law. While the nature of the matters presented is serious, the office environment is personable. There is daily interaction with the judge and other law clerks concerning legal and court-related issues.

Qualifications

To qualify for this position, one must be a law school graduate at the time of appointment with excellent academic standing and possess excellent research, writing, and communication skills. The applicant must exhibit good character and maturity. Law review is preferred. Prior judicial clerkship experience is also preferred.

The applicant's years of legal work experience will determine the appointment to the applicable Judiciary Salary Plan (JSP) grade level. Please note that appointment to JSP-12 or above requires that the applicant be a member of a bar of a state, territory, or federal court of general jurisdiction.

Information for Applicants

The best qualified applicants will be invited for interviews, either in person in Washington, DC or, if necessary, via videoconference.

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

- Cover letter addressed to the Honorable Margaret M. Sweeney, Chief Judge, United States Court of Federal Claims
- Resume
- One writing sample that has not been edited by anyone but the applicant (not to exceed 15 pages)
- Three references (name, affiliation, and contact information) from persons who are familiar with your work

Incomplete or late application packages will not be considered.

No phone calls please.

The United States Court of Federal Claims 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 Court of Federal Claims is an equal opportunity employer.

All applicants must be a U.S. citizen or be eligible to work in the United States.

All appointments subject to FBI fingerprint background check; with periodic reinvestigation, if applicable.

Retention depends upon a favorable suitability determination.

All appointments also subject to mandatory electronic funds transfer.