



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
JUDICIAL LAW CLERK**

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 21-06

APPOINTMENT: Temporary

LOCATION: Baltimore, Maryland

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Open to all

OPENING DATE: April 12, 2021

CLOSING DATE: The position is open until filled. Applicants will be reviewed on a rolling basis as applications are received.

SALARY RANGE: \$72,750 - \$134,798
(JSP 11/01 – JSP 13/10)

POSITION SUMMARY:

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, Judge Michelle M. Harner, is seeking applicants to fill one temporary judicial law clerk position that will begin on or after August 30th, for approximately 13 weeks but not to exceed 20 weeks.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

The judicial law clerk is primarily responsible for researching a variety of legal issues, writing memoranda, drafting opinions, assisting in case management and performing general chambers administrative duties. Judicial law clerks provide counsel to the Judge and members of chambers staff on legal matters affecting the administration of bankruptcy laws, and perform other duties as assigned by the Judge.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants must be a law school graduate (or be certified as having completed all law school studies and requirements and merely awaiting conferment of degree) and possess excellent research, writing and computer skills. Proficiency in MS Office, Westlaw and Lexis is required along with a professional demeanor and exceptional organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills. Applicants must be admitted to practice law in at least one state or scheduled to take the Bar Exam. Bar membership and at least one year of experience are required for salary placement above a JSP 11.

Preferred Qualifications

Prior bankruptcy practice experience or training is preferred. Experience on the editorial board of law review or moot court/and or publication of noteworthy articles is desired.

BENEFITS:

Judicial Branch employees are "at will" employees and are not subject to the employment regulations of competitive service. However, benefits are similar and include paid federal holidays, health insurance and a professional work environment. Temporary appointments of one year or less are not eligible for dental/vision insurance, retirement benefits, Thrift Savings Plan or other supplemental benefits unless the selected candidate is transferring from a previously covered federal position without a break in service. Salary will be based upon experience and qualifications in accordance with JSP guidelines.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Applicants must be United States citizens or lawful permanent residents actively seeking citizenship. As a condition of employment, the selected candidate must successfully complete a background check. Employment will be considered provisional pending the successful completion of the background check and a favorable suitability determination. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for payroll deposit is required.

HOW TO APPLY:

All interested persons must submit a **single** PDF containing:

- Cover letter;
- Resume;
- Completed AO 78 Application Form, which may be obtained at www.mdb.uscourts.gov;
- Law school transcript, if applicant has graduated law school within the last five years;
- Two writing samples (of no longer than 15 pages each) that have not been edited by anyone other than the applicant; and
- The names and contact information for three professional references. Please note that by submitting the references, the applicant consents to those references being contacted.

Application packages must be emailed to Jobs@mdb.uscourts.gov (please include "Judicial Law Clerk 21-06 - Temporary" in the subject line). **Please note that applications that are not submitted as a single PDF or are incomplete will not be considered.**

Interview travel expenses and relocation expenses will not be reimbursed. The court provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. All employees are required to adhere to the "Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees," which is available for review upon request. The court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, to withdraw the job announcement, or to fill the position at any time, any of which actions may occur without any prior written or other notice. Please be aware that due to the volume of applications received, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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