



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

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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  
JUDICIAL LAW CLERK**

**ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER:** 21-07

**APPOINTMENT:** Term (two years)

**LOCATION:** Greenbelt, Maryland

**AREA OF CONSIDERATION:** Open to all

**OPENING DATE:** September 7, 2021

**CLOSING DATE:** Open until filled

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

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

The Honorable Maria Ellena Chavez-Ruark of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland is seeking applicants to fill one judicial law clerk position that will begin on or about August 29, 2022.

**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. The judicial law clerk also provides counsel to the judge and members of chambers staff on legal matters affecting the administration of bankruptcy laws and performs other duties as assigned by the judge.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Applicants must be a law school graduate and possess excellent research, writing and computer skills. Proficiency in MS Office, Westlaw and Lexis and advanced proficiency in Word are 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.

Bankruptcy coursework and experience on the editorial board of a law journal are desired.

Bar membership and at least one year of experience are required for salary placement above a JSP 11.

**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 annual and sick leave, eleven paid holidays per year, health and life insurance, a flexible benefits program and a professional work environment. Salary will be based on 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:**

Applications are fully confidential. 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](http://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 10 pages each) that have not been edited by anyone other than the applicant; and
- The names and contact information for three professional references.

Application packages must be emailed to [jobs@mdb.uscourts.gov](mailto:jobs@mdb.uscourts.gov) (please include “Judicial Law Clerk” 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, withdraw the job announcement or fill the position at any time without any prior written or other notice. Please be aware that due to the volume of applications, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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