

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Vacancy Announcement



U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

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- **Announcement #USB-MD26**
- **Location:** Greenbelt, Md.
- **Appointment:** Fourteen-Year appointment/Full-time beginning fall 2026
- **Salary:** \$229,908
- **Closing Date:** May 27, 2026

Fourth Circuit

The United States Court of Appeals is part of the judicial branch of the federal government. The 94 U.S. judicial districts are organized into 12 regional circuits, each of which features a United States court of appeals. A court of appeals hears appeals from the district courts located within its circuit, as well as appeals from decisions of federal administrative agencies. The Fourth Circuit encompasses the states of Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

*The Fourth Circuit is an Equal
Opportunity Employer.*

ABOUT THE JOB

The basic jurisdiction of a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge is specified in Title 28, U.S.C. and explained in Title 11, U.S.C., as well as in 98 Stat. 344, Pub. L. 98-353, Title I, § 120.

The Fourth Circuit prides itself on being a collegial and collaborative workplace. We are an organization that promotes creativity and innovation, believes in diversity and inclusion, recognizes excellence, and is important to the administration of justice. In return, we seek strong candidates who share our vision and passion.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must satisfy the following conditions: (1) be a member in good standing of the Bar of the highest court of at least one state; (2) be competent to perform the duties of the office; (3) possess, and have a reputation for, integrity and good character; (4) possess, and have demonstrated, a commitment to equal justice under the law; (5) be of sound mental and physical health; (6) possess, and have demonstrated, outstanding legal ability and competence; (7) indicate by demeanor, character, and personality that one would exhibit judicial temperament if appointed; (8) not be related by blood or marriage to a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, a member of the Judicial Council of the Fourth Circuit, or a judge of the district court to be served; and (9) have engaged in the active practice of law for at least five years.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Attorneys interested in applying should complete 1) **an application** (https://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/docs/pdfs/usbj_app_re.pdf) and 2) **an AO 78 form** ([Application for Judicial Branch Federal Employment](#)) and email both along with any professional recommendations to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit via vacancy@ca4.uscourts.gov.

Applications must be **COMPLETED AND RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN May 27, 2026.**

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or be eligible to work in the United States and receive compensation. The final candidate will be subject to a full background investigation including fingerprinting and appropriate financial disclosure regulations. A U.S. Bankruptcy Judge may not engage in the private practice of law. Employees are required to use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for payroll deposits. Reimbursement for interview-related travel expenses and relocation is not provided.