



CAREER OPPORTUNITY with the United States District Court Northern District of Georgia



CAREER LAW CLERK for U.S. District Judge

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Vacancy Announcement # 24-23

Salary Range: **\$76,671 - \$167,876**

Placement in the range depends upon
education and experience.

Opening Date: **August 23, 2024**

Closing Date: **Open until filled.**

Early application encouraged.

OVERVIEW: The United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia seeks a high achiever to serve as the career law clerk to U.S. District Judge Eleanor L. Ross in the exciting and growing city of Atlanta, Georgia. Anticipated start date is October 2024.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

Judicial law clerks are responsible for legal research and the preparation of orders and draft opinions. Law clerks will assist on a wide variety of civil cases that come before the Court, as well as some criminal matters. Beyond assistance on legal matters, this position entails significant administrative duties within Chambers, such as proofreading and cite checking law clerk draft opinions and the preparation of jury instructions. These duties require good organizational and strong interpersonal skills.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

To qualify for the position of law clerk, a person must be a law school graduate from a law school of recognized standing and must demonstrate a strong track record of academic and professional success. The successful candidate must have passed the Bar and acquired Bar membership. To qualify for grade 12, one year of legal work experience is required; to qualify for grade 13, two years of legal work experience are required. Legal work experience is progressively responsible experience in the practice of law, in legal research, legal administration, or the equivalent received after graduation from law school.

Applicants must have excellent legal research and writing skills. The job requires significant interaction with judges, attorneys, law clerks, and other chambers staff. The abilities to self-motivate and communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, are critical. Applicants also must have excellent interpersonal and organizational skills, including the ability to manage multiple tasks in a timely manner. Knowledge of Microsoft Word is a requirement.

Preference will be given to applicants who possess prior judicial law clerk experience, as well as those who have served on the editorial board of a law review.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS: Employees of the United States District Court are appointed in the excepted service, are considered “at-will” employees, and serve at the pleasure of the court. All employees are required to adhere to a Code of Ethics and Conduct, copies of which are available upon request. As a condition of employment, the selected candidate must successfully complete a background check with law enforcement agencies and a check of financial and credit records. All offers of employment are provisional until a full suitability determination has been made. The Federal Financial Reform Act requires direct deposit of federal wages for court employees. Applicants must be United States citizens or eligible to work in the United States.

The selectee for this position is subject to a criminal background check and credit check and satisfactory adjudication by the employing office to be eligible for employment. Due to the sensitivity of this position, candidates may be asked about their criminal history prior to receiving a tentative offer of employment. Candidates completing Form AO-78 must complete questions 18-20 regarding their criminal history. Criminal history is not in itself disqualifying. All available information, past and present, favorable and unfavorable, about the reliability and trustworthiness of an individual will be considered when making an employment suitability determination. Providing false and/or misleading information may be grounds for removal from the application and selection process, as well as disciplinary action if discovered after an individual’s date of hire.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this position, qualified applicants should submit:

- 1) Federal Judicial Branch Application for Employment [Link to Form AO 78](#)
- 2) Cover letter addressing qualifications and relevant experience
- 3) Chronological resume including education, employment, and salary history
- 4) Law school transcript
- 5) Writing sample not heavily edited by others (legal memorandum or brief strongly preferred over law review article)

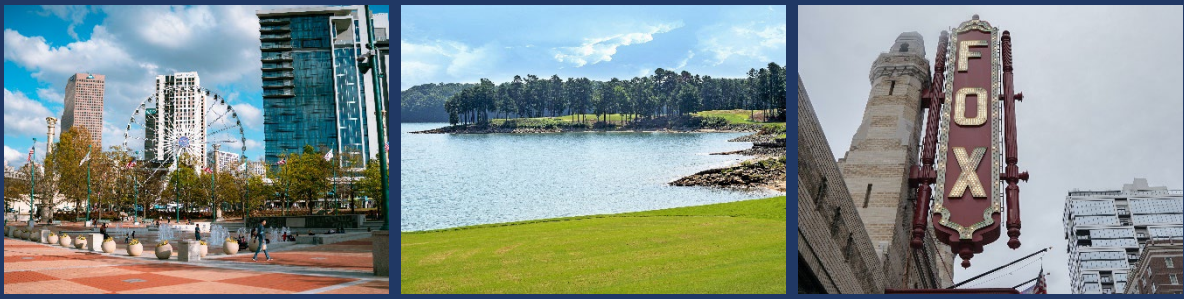
Submit your completed package as a single PDF electronically to:
HR_GAND@gand.uscourts.gov

or via mail to:

**United States District Court
Attn: Human Resources Manager,
Vacancy #24-23
75 Ted Turner Drive, SW
Room 2013
Atlanta, GA 30303-3338**

All applicants will be screened, and only the best qualified candidates will be invited for an interview. Interview and relocation expenses are not reimbursable.

ABOUT ATLANTA: Rich in arts and culture, “The City in the Forest” is a leader in film and TV production and home to several professional sports teams including the Atlanta Braves, Atlanta Falcons, Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta United, and Atlanta Dream. We enjoy mild winters and a climate that allows for almost year-round enjoyment of numerous parks, hiking trails, and other outdoor recreational areas.



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