



CAREER OPPORTUNITY

with the

United States District Court Northern District of Georgia



JUDICIAL LAW CLERK for U.S. Magistrate Judge

JSP 11 – 13

Vacancy Announcement # 25-25

Salary Range: **\$78,189 - \$111,442**

Placement in the range depends upon
education and experience.

Opening Date: **October 27, 2025**

Closing Date: **Open until filled.**

Priority to applications received by
November 14, 2025.

OVERVIEW: The United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division, is recruiting to fill a Judicial Law Clerk position for U.S. Magistrate Judge Russell G. Vineyard. Teleworking is an option, and the appointment is for a two-year term, renewable for up to four years. Anticipated start date is September 2, 2026, but that date is flexible. First review of applications will occur after November 7, 2025; however, the position will remain open until filled.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

Judicial law clerks are responsible for legal research and the preparation of orders, memoranda, and draft opinions. A law clerk will work primarily on cases involving claims of employment discrimination, violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and Truth in Lending Act, as well as Social Security disability cases and some criminal cases.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be from the top 25% of their law school class. Applications without law school class rank (unless the school does not rank students) will not be considered. Preference will be given to applicants who possess excellent research and writing skills and membership on the editorial board of a law review or prior experience as a federal law clerk or practicing law. The job responsibilities require significant interaction with judges, attorneys, law clerks, and other court staff. The ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, is critical. Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills, including the ability to manage multiple tasks in a timely manner, are essential.

SALARY STANDARDS:

The table below shows the number of years of legal work experience required to qualify for appointment as a law clerk at the applicable Judicial Salary Plan (JSP) grade levels. Legal work experience means progressively responsible experience in the practice of law, legal research, or legal administration or equivalent experience received after graduation from law school.

JSP Grade	Yrs. Of Legal Exp.	Bar Membership
11 - \$78,198 PA	0	No
12 - \$93,716 PA	1	Yes
13 - \$111,442 PA	2	Yes

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 record 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) A law school transcript, a writing sample and a list of three professional references.

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 #25-25
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.