

**United States Court of Appeals
for the Seventh Circuit**

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**JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT - OFFICE OF STAFF LAW CLERKS
POSITIONS AVAILABLE – FALL 2009**

The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit will accept applications **beginning September 3, 2008** for the position of staff law clerk for a two-year term starting in August 2009.

Staff law clerks work in a highly collegial environment with recent law school graduates and lawyers coming from the nation's top law schools, as well as with more experienced supervisory attorneys. Staff law clerks learn a wide variety of substantive and practical lawyering and writing skills through discussions with the judges and other staff law clerks.

Staff law clerkships combine the intellectual rigor of a chambers clerkship with the benefits of working closely with all the judges of the Seventh Circuit, one of the most highly respected appeals courts in the country, on all phases of appellate litigation. Like traditional chambers clerks, the staff law clerks at the Seventh Circuit perform legal research, prepare bench memoranda and draft merits opinions on a broad spectrum of federal cases subject to oral argument at the Court.

In addition to receiving the type of work typical of chambers clerkships, staff clerks work with all the judges of the entire Court rather than a single judge. They also assist the judges in resolving substantive motions that address complex questions of civil procedure or seek preliminary or emergency relief. Finally, staff law clerks assist three-judge panels in weekly deliberative conferences on cases not subject to oral argument.

Applicants must have excellent academic credentials and possess superior analytical, research, and writing skills. Law review or moot court experience is preferred. To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, two unedited legal writing samples (any length), and two letters of recommendation to **Michael Fridkin, Senior Staff Attorney, 219 S. Dearborn St., Room 2650, Chicago, Illinois 60604** on or after September 3, 2008. Application materials can also be submitted via e-mail to stafflawclerk_apps@ca7.uscourts.gov, preferably in .pdf format, on or after September 3, 2008. There is no application deadline. Positions are open until filled, typically by Thanksgiving each year.

The Court of Appeals is committed to equal opportunity for all applicants.