

United States Court of Appeals
for the Seventh Circuit
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JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT - OFFICE OF STAFF LAW CLERKS
Staff Law Clerkships available from August 2025 through August 2027

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit is accepting applications for staff law clerkships that start in August 2025 and run through August 2027.

At the Seventh Circuit, one of the most prestigious appeals courts in the country, staff law clerkships combine the intellectual rigor of a chambers clerkship with benefits not available to chambers clerks. Like chambers clerks, staff law clerks recommend dispositions on a broad spectrum of cases. These range from cases involving pro se litigants to orally argued cases, including some of the court's most controversial appeals. Because they work for the entire court, staff law clerks interact with and learn from all of the judges of the court. In addition, each week they attend private conferences at which three-judge panels deliberate and resolve cases that are not subject to oral argument. Also the Office of Staff Law Clerks is exclusively responsible for assisting the judges in resolving substantive motions that address complex questions of procedure or seek preliminary relief. Finally staff law clerks learn a wide variety of substantive and practical lawyering and writing skills through their work with the experienced supervisory staff.

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 or grade sheet, two self-edited writing samples containing fact and case analysis, and two letters of recommendation. We accept applications through OSCAR. OSCAR is the Online System for Clerkship Application and Review at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov>.

Applicants may now begin uploading their applications to OSCAR. Applications will be reviewed and interviews conducted as soon as permitted by the Federal Clerkship Hiring Plan.

For more information, watch the video of Judge Diane Wood discussing the program at https://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/media-library/7th_Circuit_Staff_Clerkship_program.mp4, or see our FAQ's at http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/clerkships/Staff_Attys/SA_faqs.pdf

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