

**United States Court of Appeals
for the Seventh Circuit**
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**JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT - OFFICE OF STAFF LAW CLERKS
POSITIONS AVAILABLE – FALL 2015**

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit will begin considering applications on **June 2, 2014**, for staff law clerkships that start in August 2015 and last two years.

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 prestigious appeals courts in the country, on all phases of appellate litigation. Like chambers clerks, the staff law clerks at the Seventh Circuit perform legal research, prepare bench memoranda, and recommend dispositions of a broad spectrum of issues subject to oral argument at the court, including some of the court's most controversial.

Staff law clerks also enjoy rewards not available to chambers clerks. They work with all of the judges of the court, rather than just with a single judge. 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 cases presenting substantive motions that address complex questions of procedure or seek various forms of preliminary relief.

Each year the court hires eight staff law clerks from recent graduates of the nation's top law schools. Staff law clerks learn a wide variety of substantive and practical lawyering and writing skills through their work with the judges and 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.

On June 2, 2014, we will begin reviewing applications for clerkships for the 2015-17 term. Interviews will start on June 30, and we expect to finish extending eight offers by the end of July. Final second-year grades must be included before we will schedule an interview. We accept applications through OSCAR. OSCAR is the Online System for Clerkship Application and Review at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov>.

For more information, watch the video of Judge Diane Wood discussing the program at http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/video_library/StaffAttorney_program.html, or see our FAQ's at http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/HR/Staff_Attys/SA_faqs.pdf. No phone calls, please.

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