

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT #26-17

CAREER JUDICIAL LAW CLERK

United States District Court | Middle District of Florida
Tampa Division

Details

Location

Tampa, FL

Salary Range

\$74,678 to \$125,776

Term

Career position starting
Spring 2026

Deadline

Open until filled

Interviews

Scheduled as applications
are reviewed

How to Apply

Submit a cover letter explaining your interest in this clerkship and prior litigation experience, a resume listing your law school class rank, a writing sample, official or unofficial transcripts, and a list of three professional references with telephone contact numbers by email to:

resume_orl@flmd.uscourts.gov

Position Overview

The career law clerk researches criminal and civil issues, writes extensively, attends and assists with court proceedings, and acts as an advisor by making recommendations to the Honorable Christopher P. Tuite, United States Magistrate Judge. The caseload in the jurisdiction is heavy, and the types of filings are varied, often involving novel legal questions. While the nature of the criminal and civil litigation is serious, the office environment is personable and inclusive. There is daily interaction with the Judge and other law clerks and staff concerning legal and court-related matters.

Minimum Qualifications

The applicant must have post-law school experience in a litigation practice and/or a prior clerkship, must possess excellent research and writing skills, and must work well both independently and collaboratively. Prior membership on a law review editorial board or publication of noteworthy articles is preferred but not required. Good character, maturity, and a willingness to work long hours and under deadlines are also required. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or eligible to work in the United States. The selected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

Other Information

Employment with the United States District Court offers a generous benefit package, civil and criminal law experience at the federal court level, and an environment providing significant responsibility and challenge. Visit OPM.gov for more information about available benefits and eligibility.

Starting salary will be commensurate with work experience and prior pay history. Salary may be higher with previous experience as a law clerk to a federal judge. Employees are required to use Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) for payroll deposit. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or eligible to work in the United States. The elected candidate will be subject to a background check as a condition of employment.

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