

Vacancy Announcement
CO 03/16
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

Announcement Date: **March 29, 2016**

Position Title: **Court Attorney, Clerk's Office**

Location: **Philadelphia, PA**

Closing Date: **April 22, 2016**

Type of Appointment: **Full-time. Permanent appointment after satisfactory completion of one year probationary period.**

Classification Level: **CL 27 - 29 (\$50,652 - \$117,358). Experienced attorneys may be appointed at the higher classification levels.**

Position Overview

This position is located in the Clerk's Office, Operations Division, and reports directly to the Chief Deputy Clerk. The incumbent provides legal guidance and direction for the procedural management of the court's caseload. The Clerk's Office supports the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, which includes Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Drafts Clerk's procedural orders which facilitate case management.
- Conducts the initial screening of cases.
- Conducts legal research.
- Provides legal memoranda to the court in emergency matters.

Qualification Requirements

Applicants must have a Juris Doctor degree from an accredited law school. Admission to practice before the highest court of a state or commonwealth of the United States is required for appointments at CL 28 or above. Up to two years of progressively responsible specialized experience in the practice of law, legal research, legal administration, or equivalent experience, gained after graduation from law school, is required. A successful candidate must possess the following particular skills and abilities: knowledge of appellate practice and procedure; ability to analyze complex legal questions and provide proposed solutions; strong written and oral communication skills; the ability to work quickly and accurately, and to prioritize among competing demands.

Benefits

Federal benefits include paid vacation based on years of service and/or experience, paid holidays, sick leave, health and life insurance plans, Federal Employees Retirement System, long-term care insurance, and the Thrift Savings Plan (similar to 401K plan).

Conditions of Employment

Must be a United States citizen, or must meet the requirements established by current appropriations law. Positions with the U.S. Courts are excepted service appointments. Excepted

service appointments are “at will” and can be terminated with or without cause. Employees will be hired provisionally pending the results of a fingerprinting background check. Direct deposit of pay is required.

Application Instructions

Submit résumé, cover letter, copy of law school transcripts, short writing sample (no more than 10 pages and edited by the applicant only), and references on-line via www.ca3.uscourts.gov/vacancy-announcements. Only candidates selected for an interview will be notified. The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, or to withdraw the announcement, any of which may occur without prior written or other notice.

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