



**Position:** Term Law Clerk to a U. S. Magistrate Judge Designee  
**Classification Level:** JSP 11/01 – JSP 14/01  
**Salary Range:** \$69,283 - \$116,690  
**Location:** Santa Ana, California  
**Opening Date:** March 6, 2018  
**Closing Date:** Open until filled  
**Number of Positions:** Two  
**Vacancy Number:** 18-09

## POSITION

The United States District Court, Central District of California, invites applications for the position of Term Law Clerk to a United States Magistrate Judge. Two clerkships will be available upon the appointment of a new United States Magistrate Judge in Santa Ana.

Length of clerkships will be one year. One of the positions may be extended for a second year. The expected start date for these positions will be mid-May to early June 2018.

Principal duties of the position include:

- Research substantive issues of federal and state law;
- Draft legal memoranda, opinions and orders;
- Prepare the Judge for hearings, trials or mediations;
- Perform basic administrative desk duties for the Judge;
- Assist the Judge and Courtroom Deputy Clerk with docket and case management;
- Generally provide legal counsel and support to the Judge; and
- Exhibit the highest standards of excellence and integrity.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

At the time of appointment, the candidate must possess the following minimum requirements:

- Graduate of an ABA accredited law school with excellent academic credentials;
- Participation on Law Review or other law journal in law school
- Exceptional research and writing skills;
- Keen analytical ability and balanced judgment;
- Proficiency in computer and word processing skills;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

## PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bar membership, clerkship experience and/or post-JD legal work experience.
- Prior litigation experience or significant motion practice at a top tier-tier law firm or public agency.

## COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Compensation will be set based on the experience and qualifications of the successful candidate, subject to the policies and guidelines set forth in the *Guide to Judiciary Policy*. Term Law Clerks qualify for federal employees' group health insurance, life insurance, dental and vision insurance, flexible spending accounts, and transit subsidy reimbursement.

## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

- As a condition of employment, the successful candidate is required to undergo an FBI background check. The selectee may be appointed provisionally, with retention dependent upon a favorable suitability determination from the background check.
- The successful candidate must be a U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States currently seeking citizenship or intending to become a citizen immediately after meeting the eligibility requirements.
- This position is subject to mandatory electronic fund transfer (direct deposit) participation for payment of net pay.
- Applicants selected for interviews must travel at their own expense. Relocation expenses will not be reimbursed.
- The United States District Court requires employees to adhere to the *Code of Conduct for Federal Judicial Employees*, which is available on the Court's website: <http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov>

## HOW TO APPLY

Interested persons can apply through OSCAR: <https://oscar.uscourts.gov/>

NOTE: Judge Patrick J. Walsh's OSCAR account is being used for this recruitment on behalf of the magistrate judge designee.

## OR

Applications can be submitted by email: [apply\\_CACD@acd.uscourts.gov](mailto:apply_CACD@acd.uscourts.gov). Attached documents must be in PDF format and the email should reference the position title and Vacancy No. 18-09. Complete application packets must include the following:

1. A cover letter;
2. A resume or curriculum vitae;
3. Two recent writing samples;
4. Law school transcripts;
5. An application for Federal Branch Employment (visit the court's website at [www.cacd.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacd.uscourts.gov) to download the job application).

Due to the volume of applications received, the U. S. District Court will only communicate with those individuals who may be interviewed. More than one position may be filled from this recruitment.

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