



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
Tampa Division**



**Vacancy Announcement  
Judicial Law Clerk**

**Duty Station:** Tampa, FL

**Announcement No. 25-12**

**Opening Date:** August 11, 2025

**Closing Date:** Open until filled\*

*\*First consideration given to applications received by August 31, 2025*

**Position Start Date:** Sept. 17, 2025

**Term:** One-year (subject to renewal and possible conversion to career)

**Starting Salary Range:** \$73,939 - \$137,000 (JSP 11/1 to 13/10)

*\*\*Salaries comply with Judicial Conference policy, including qualification standards.*

**Position Overview**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida is seeking applicants for a Judicial Law Clerk position with the **Honorable Catherine Peek McEwen** in the Tampa Division. Duties include researching a variety of legal issues, attending trials and other court proceedings, drafting opinions, screening motions, and preparing routine orders. The caseload in the jurisdiction is heavy. The position is a one-year term law clerk position, subject to renewal for a second year, and has a ninety-day probationary period. In addition, the position has the possibility of converting to a career law clerk position in the future.

**Minimum Qualifications**

Applicants must be a law school graduate at the time of appointment, have a standing within the upper twenty-five percent of the law school class, and possess excellent research, writing, and proofreading skills. Applicants must be admitted to practice law in at least one state or have taken the Bar Exam and are pending results. Proficiency in Windows, Microsoft Office, Westlaw, and LEXIS is required. Applicants must have successfully completed a bankruptcy course in law school or have three years' experience with substantive bankruptcy law. Preference will be given to applicants who have substantive knowledge of Florida law and a solid commercial law base, post-law school employment experience, or have experience as a law clerk to a federal judge. Experience on the editorial board of a law review or moot court, and/or the publication of noteworthy articles will also be considered. The successful candidate should be responsible, possess excellent organizational, administrative, and interpersonal skills, be a self-starter, always maintain a professional demeanor, be able to work harmoniously with others, and communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

**Application and Selection Procedures**

- Qualified applicants are invited to submit a current resume together with a cover letter, salary history (if applicable), two letters of reference, law school transcript, and a writing sample that has not been edited by anyone other than the applicant. Applicants must apply electronically through the Online System for Clerkship Application and Review (**OSCAR**) at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov/>. Applications are reviewed upon receipt, and first consideration will be given to applications received by August 31, 2025. Interviews may be conducted during the application period.
- The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, to withdraw the job announcement, or to fill the position sooner than the closing date, any of which actions may occur without prior written notice. The Court will only communicate with those individuals who will be invited for an

interview. Applicants selected for interviews must travel at their own expense; relocation expenses will not be provided.

- The selectee for this position is subject to a criminal background check and satisfactory adjudication to be eligible for employment. Candidates will not be asked about their criminal history prior to receiving a tentative offer of employment. The selected candidate is not required to complete questions 18-20 regarding criminal history when completing the AO-78. Criminal history is not in itself disqualifying.
- Accurate demographic information informs the Judiciary's diversity and inclusion efforts in several areas, including recruitment, talent management, training, and outreach. To enhance our ability to strategically design efforts to achieve equity and identify areas of needed engagement, improvement, and/or change, we ask that applicants selected for an interview complete the Voluntary Self-Identification Form AO-78B.
- To access additional information on Careers with the Judiciary, please visit <https://www.uscourts.gov/careers>.

### **Benefits**

A career with the U.S. Courts provides employees with a comprehensive benefits package. Court employees and their families have access to a range of benefits designed to make their federal careers very rewarding. Benefits include eleven (11) paid national holidays per year; optional Group Health, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance; optional Long-Term Disability; and participation in the Court's Flexible Benefits Program. Local Court Benefits may include Telework Opportunities, on-site Federal Occupational Nurse, access to an on-site Fitness Center, and a Public Transit Subsidy. Please visit <http://www.uscourts.gov/careers/benefits> to learn more.

### **Additional Information**

- Starting salary is based on prior legal work experience and is subject to the policies and guidelines set forth in the Judicial Salary Plan.
- Applicants must be United States citizens or eligible to work for the federal government. All applicant information is subject to verification. Providing false and/or misleading information may be grounds for non-selection, withdrawal of an offer of employment, or dismissal after being employed.
- All Court employees are "at will" employees, and the selected candidate may be removed from this position at any time if the employee fails to perform at a satisfactory level.
- All Court employees are required to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees](#).
- This Court provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and interviewing process, please notify the local human resources representative by email to [jobs@flmb.uscourts.gov](mailto:jobs@flmb.uscourts.gov). The decision on granting reasonable accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- The position is subject to the mandatory electronic fund transfer (EFT) participation for payment of net pay (i.e., direct deposit).

**The United States Bankruptcy Court is an equal opportunity employer  
and values diversity in the workplace.**