

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
Western District of Kentucky Announcement**



**POSITION:** Term Law Clerk

**LOCATION:** Louisville, Kentucky

**STARTING SALARY:** JSP 11 (\$61,218) to JSP 13 (\$87,252)

**CLOSING DATE:** May 18, 2018

**Position Summary**

The United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky is seeking a term judicial law clerk to United States District Court Judge Rebecca Grady Jennings, beginning approximately June 1, 2018. The initial term would end on August 30, 2019, and may be extended an additional term. A law clerk provides legal support to the judge by conducting legal research and preparing legal documents, such as orders, memoranda, and draft opinions, on both civil and criminal cases. This position also entails some administrative duties.

**Summary of Representative Duties and Responsibilities**

Reviews legal submissions, performs legal research, and drafts legal documents addressing a wide assortment of issues arising in civil and criminal litigation. Performs case management through the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) system. Performs administrative office functions such as editing, proofreading, answering Chambers' direct line, scheduling appointments, and maintaining the Judge's calendar.

**Qualifications**

To qualify for the position of law clerk on the personal staff of a federal judge, applicant must be a law school graduate (or be certified as having completed all law school studies and requirements and merely awaiting conferment of degree) from a law school of recognized standing and have one or more of the following attributes:

- Standing within the upper ten percent of the law school class from a law school on the approved list of either the American Bar Association or the Association of American Law Schools;
- Experience on the editorial board of a law review of such a school;
- Graduation from such a school with an LLM degree; or
- Demonstrated proficiency in legal studies which, in the opinion of the judge, is the equivalent of one of the above.

### **Additional Preferences**

Prefers top ten percent, law journal experience and ties to Kentucky. Exceptional legal writing skills. Exceptional ability to communicate, articulate, and relate to coworkers and others with professionalism and integrity. Self-motivated, able to manage multiple tasks and meet competing deadlines.

### **Benefits**

Judiciary employees serve under excepted appointments (not civil service). Excepted appointments are at will and can be terminated with or without cause. Benefits include: Participation in the Federal Employee's Health Benefits Program, group life insurance program, group long-term disability insurance program, and pre-tax flexible spending account plan for dependent care expenses and medical/dental expenses not covered by health insurance, a minimum of ten (10) paid holidays per year, and prescribed salary progression based on acceptable performance .

### **Information for Applicants**

- This position is full-time.
- Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or eligible to work in the United States.
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) for payroll deposit is required.
- As a condition of employment, an FBI Background Check or Investigation is required.
- We will not pay relocation or interview travel expenses.
- Only the most qualified applicants will be interviewed.

### **How to Apply**

Submit cover letter, resume, law school transcript, writing sample, and at least three professional references, via e-mail, to:

RGJ\_Lawclerk@kywd.uscourts.gov

Documents must be submitted in PDF format.

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