

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Position: Pro Se Law Clerk
Vacancy #s: 16-07
Salary Range: JSP 11 - JSP 14 (\$59,246 - \$129,723)
Depending upon experience and qualifications
Location: Hiring one in **Florence**
Tour of Duty: Full Time
Opening Date: March 10, 2016
Closing Date: March 31, 2016

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Pro Se Law Clerks are a significant resource for the federal court. Pro Se Law Clerks are appointed and supervised by the Chief District Judge and serve at his or her pleasure. The Chief Judge may assign Pro Se Law Clerks to work under the immediate direction of another supervising district or magistrate judge designated by the Chief Judge. Pro Se Law Clerks provide substantive legal analysis, advice, and assistance on cases pending before the District Court and on other court-related legal issues. The specific job duties to be performed are at the designated supervising judge's discretion, subject to parameters established by the Chief Judge and other judges. For example, duties may include, but are not limited to, initial review, screening and analysis of prisoner and other pro se cases and drafting of appropriate legal documents; legal research and drafting of proposed Orders or Reports and Recommendations; preparing legal memoranda for the supervising judge's review and consideration; and such other duties as may be assigned by the designated supervising judge or the Chief Judge. Pro Se Law Clerk positions are subject to the availability of continued funding, which is determined every two years.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must possess a Juris Doctor from a law school of recognized standing and have excellent academic credentials. They must be a member of a State Bar. They must also have superior analytical, research, and writing skills and be proficient in computer-assisted research, Windows, WordPerfect and Word. Desirable qualifications include: detail oriented, reliable, ability to work independently, excellent oral and written communications skills, and an understanding of court processes and procedures. Salary will be based upon experience and qualifications in accordance with JSP guidelines.

BENEFITS AVAILABLE

Health, Life, Dental, Vision, Long-Term Care, and Long-Term Disability insurance, Flexible Spending Account, Thrift Savings Account, and paid federal holidays.

MISCELLANEOUS

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. Only qualified applicants will be considered for the position(s). Participation in the interview process will be at the applicant's own expense and relocation expenses will not be provided. As a condition of employment, the selected

candidate will be subject to an FBI fingerprint and background check. All information provided by applicants is subject to verification and background investigation. Applicants must be either United States citizens or eligible to work for the United States government.

Employees are required to adhere to the Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees which is available to applicants to review upon request. Employees of the U.S. District Court are Excepted Service Appointments. Excepted service appointments are at-will and can be terminated with or without cause by the court. Employees are required to use the Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) for payroll deposit.

HOW TO APPLY

Qualified persons interested in being considered are invited to submit a cover letter detailing related experience and accomplishments, a resume, Application for Judicial Branch Employment (AO-78), which can be found at www.uscourts.gov under Forms & Fees, a writing sample, and list of at least three (3) professional references, including name and current contact information.

If your application packet does not provide all information requested, you may not be considered for this position.

Only applicants selected to proceed to the next phase of the selection process will be notified. Unsuccessful applicants will not receive notice.

All application materials must be physically received in our office by **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2016**, and are to be sent to:

United States District Court
Attn: Sallie F. Dixon
Matthew J. Perry, Jr. Courthouse
901 Richland Street
Columbia, SC 29201

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