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Important Dates

Opening Date:

August 5, 2026

Closing Date:

September 15, 2026

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the Eastern District of
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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

Position: Judicial Law Clerk (Term)
To U.S. Magistrate Judge Anthony Patti

Vacancy #: 2026-22

Classification: JSP 11-13 (depending on qualifications)

Starting Salary Range: \$82,372 to \$117,402

Duty Station: Detroit, MI Status: Term

Open to: All qualified candidates Number of Positions: One

POSITION OVERVIEW

Our Chambers is currently seeking applications for one full-time Term Law Clerk position, for appointment to a term of two years, beginning as soon as possible, but no later than September 2026.

The position entails substantial legal research and writing, and with a docket that primarily consists of Social Security appeals, prisoner civil rights filings and general civil motion practice.

The selected law clerk will be responsible for tracking pending motions and managing his or her individual dockets assignments so that draft orders and draft reports and recommendations are presented to the judge in a timely fashion. Applicants should expect to work beyond normal work hours as necessary to complete assignments and should expect periods of significant busyness.

The selected law clerk should be able to work independently, but to also work well with other members of the chambers family. The selected law clerk must be a team player who will contribute to the overall administration of the chambers.

QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifications must be met prior to entry on duty.

Required:

- Juris Doctor degree from an ABA accredited law school.
- Exceptional and demonstrable analytical, legal research and writing skills, including but not limited to high proficiency with legal research databases and computer applications.
- Outstanding interpersonal skills, including the ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally.



COURT MISSION

The United States Courts are an independent, national judiciary providing fair and impartial justice within the jurisdiction conferred by the Constitution and Congress. As an equal branch of government, the federal judiciary preserves and enhances its core values as the courts meet changing national and local needs.

Conditions of Employment:

- All applicants must be a U.S. citizen or must be a lawful permanent resident (i.e., green card holder) seeking U.S. citizenship, or must complete an affidavit indicating their intent to apply for citizenship when they become eligible to do so.
- Completion of FBI Fingerprint Background Check with periodic reinvestigation, if applicable.
- Employment will be provisional and contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the required background investigation. Retention depends upon a favorable suitability determination.
- Employees are subject to mandatory electronic funds transfer.
- Except for Probation Officers, employees are considered "at will".
- Employees are required to adhere to the [Code of Conduct](#) for Judicial Employees.

The Court reserves the right to fill more than the advertised number of positions with this announcement, may modify the conditions of this job announcement, or may withdraw the announcement, any of which may occur without prior written or other notice.

- Commitment to maintaining a courteous and professional demeanor within Chambers, the Courthouse community, the bar, and with the public at large.
- Strong organizational skills, exceptional work ethic, with the ability to manage multiple tasks and competing deadlines while producing high-quality work product.
- Attention to detail.
- Flexibility, maturity, and patience.

Preferred:

- Prior federal/state court clerkship and/or internship experience.
- Prior litigation experience.
- Bar membership.

We consider diversity of experience and background to be a positive factor in selecting Law Clerks.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To be assured consideration, applicants must apply for this position using the **Online System for Clerkship Application and Review (OSCAR)** system, the link is provided below. Make sure to follow the instructions provided on that website. A review of applications will begin immediately and continue until September 30, 2026 unless the position is filled sooner.

<https://oscar.uscourts.gov>

Only those applicants selected for interview will be contacted. Travel reimbursement in connection with the selection process and/or relocation is not authorized.

BENEFITS

Local (when/where available): Federal Court employees receive local benefits outlined [here](#).

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