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Important Dates

Opening Date:

September 2, 2026

Closing Date:

Until Filled

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

Position: Judicial Law Clerk (Term)
To the Honorable Mark A. Goldsmith

Vacancy #: 2026-23

Classification: JSP 11-13 (depending on qualifications)

Salary Range: JSP 11-13 \$82,372 - \$117,402

Duty Station: Detroit, MI Status: Term

Open to: All qualified candidates Number of Positions: One

POSITION OVERVIEW

Judge Goldsmith is accepting applications for a two-year term clerkship, starting in September 2026. The Judge is open to discussing shorter and longer durations. The exact start and end dates of this clerkship will be determined by the Judge in consultation with the applicant. Judge Goldsmith seeks the most qualified individuals who have demonstrated outstanding writing and analytical skills and possess the personal qualities that will allow them to work well in a team environment.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must have a Juris Doctor degree. By the start of the clerkship, applicants must have at least one year of (i) post-law school legal work experience or (ii) significant pre-law school work experience, in either an academic or public policy setting (e.g., graduate program, college level teaching, government service), or a position that included substantial writing responsibilities.

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 site.
<https://oscar.uscourts.gov>

Candidates applying from schools that use unconventional grading systems should provide an explanation of the grading system, in the appropriate space provided in the OSCAR application. Judge Goldsmith encourages applicants to use their cover letters as an opportunity to explain how their backgrounds—personal or professional—contribute to their ability to assist in fulfilling the judiciary's mission



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.

Only those applicants selected for interview will be contacted. All interviews will be held by videoconference. 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](#).

National: Federal Court employees receive national benefits outlined [here](#).