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Important Dates

Opening Date:
Thursday, August 20, 2026

Closing Date:
Tuesday, November 3, 2026

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Mission

The U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska exists to maintain and perpetuate a law-abiding society by preserving the rule of law through just and orderly resolution of disputes.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT - DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

Position:	Judicial Law Clerk – Temporary		
Vacancy:	26-17		
Classification:	JSP 11/1 – 13/10		
Salary Range:	$75,425 - $139,753*		
Duty Station:	Omaha	Status:	Full-time/Temporary
Open to:	All qualified candidates	Number of Positions:	One (1)

Appointment Date: On or after January 21, 2027

*Starting salary is set considering human resources policies, qualifications, experience, and applicant's current salary or federal pay grade.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Honorable Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., United States District Court Judge in Omaha, Nebraska, is seeking a temporary law clerk. This is a 12-week temporary appointment beginning on or after January 21, 2027, and ending on or after April 15, 2027. Excellent academic (top 25% graduating law school class, top 10% preferred), research, and writing skills required.

Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Provide information, guidance, and advice to the Judge in connection with pending civil and criminal litigation and manage special projects and other administrative duties for the Judge as needed.
- Draft appropriate recommendations and orders for the Court's signature.
- Review complaints, petitions, motions, and pleadings that have been filed to determine issues involved and basis for relief.
- Perform research as required.
- Maintain liaison between the Court and litigants; correspond with other Court officials and personnel.
- Review docket of pending litigation to assure proper progress. Keep Court advised of those cases where action by the Court is appropriate.

QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify for the position of law clerk on the personal staff of a federal judge, a person 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 25% of the law school class (top 10% preferred) 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;
- Prior federal judicial clerkship experience preferred;
- Demonstrated proficiency in legal studies, which in the opinion of the Judge is the equivalent of one of the above.

Some examples of criteria that are acceptable as equivalent include:

- Publication of a noteworthy article in a law school student publication or other scholarly publication;
- Special high-level honors for academic excellence in law school;
- Winning of a moot court competition or membership on a moot court team that represents the law school in competition with other law schools;

Benefits Package

- Paid federal holidays
- Parking
- On-site fitness facility

Conditions of Employment

- 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.
- Appointment to this position is contingent upon successful completion of a background check, including fingerprint and criminal record checks.
- 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.
- Employees are required to adhere to the Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees.

- Participation in a law school clinical program sanctioned by the law school. To receive credit, participation and experience could not have been for academic credit; or
- Summer experience as a law clerk to a state or local judge or law clerk experience on a continuing basis in a private firm while attending school (i.e., working one's way through college)