

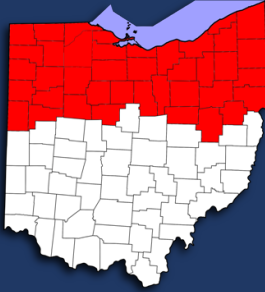


# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT Northern District of Ohio

Sara Lioi, Chief Judge | Sandy Opacich, Clerk of Court

## NOTICE OF VACANCY

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The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio currently holds court in Cleveland, Akron, Toledo, and Youngstown and serves the 6 million citizens of the 40 most northern counties in the state. It is among the 17 largest U.S. district courts.

### HOW TO APPLY

Applicants may apply by submitting ONE PDF document via email to [Judge Clay's Chambers](#) containing the following:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Three professional references with contact information
- Two writing samples; each no more than 15 pages (please do not submit law review articles)
- Application for Federal Judicial Branch Employment found [HERE](#)

**ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE  
PROVIDED TO BE CONSIDERED  
FOR THIS POSITION**

### TERM LAW CLERK TO U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE VACANCY #24-09

**Duty Station:** Toledo, Ohio      **Posted:** March 6, 2024  
**Status:** Full-time Temporary      **Closing Date:** Open Until Filled  
**Classification:** JSP 11 – JSP 13      **Salary Range:** \$72,553 - \$134,435

*Compensation will be set based on the experience and qualifications of the successful candidate subject to the policies and guidelines set forth in the Judiciary Salary Plan.*

### POSITION OVERVIEW

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio is accepting applications for the position of Term Law Clerk to U.S. Magistrate Judge Darrell A. Clay, located in Toledo, Ohio. Although the Judge and his staff regularly telecommute, this is principally an in-person position, so the selected candidate must reside near (or be willing to relocate to) Northwestern Ohio. The anticipated start date for this appointment is on or around April 8, 2024. This position is also anticipated to be a one-year term with potential for extension (but in no case exceeding 4 years) at the discretion of the successful applicant and Judge Clay. Judge Clay prefers candidates who are willing to commit to two years of service.

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary duties of the position include administrative and traditional law clerk responsibilities such as researching substantive issues of federal and state law, drafting legal memoranda, opinions, and orders, and attending court proceedings, all with a heavy emphasis on social security and habeas corpus matters. Additional duties include interacting with chambers' staff, court personnel, litigants and/or the public, and generally providing trusted legal support to Judge Clay. The selected candidate may perform other duties as assigned. The successful candidate must exhibit the highest standards of excellence and integrity, and display, always and to all persons, a courteous, professional, and cooperative attitude. Good character, maturity, absolute discretion, fastidious attention to detail, a congenial disposition, and willingness to work long hours while juggling overlapping deadlines are also required.

### QUALIFICATIONS

**(Qualifications must be met at the time of application)**

For consideration, candidates must be law school graduates from an ABA accredited law school with excellent academic credentials.

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## JUDICIARY BENEFITS

- Paid Holidays (11)
- Pre-Tax Benefit Programs
- Health Insurance
- Vision Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- Group Life Insurance
- Long-Term Care Insurance
- Commuter Benefits
- Fitness center

## CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or eligible to work without restriction in the United States.
- Completion of FBI background check with law enforcement agencies including fingerprint and criminal records check.
- Employment is considered provisional until the background check is complete.
- Employees of the federal judiciary must adhere to all Judicial Conference regulations, follow the policies in the Guide to Judiciary Policy, and are bound by the Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees.
- Employees are considered "at will".
- Employees are required to use direct deposit for payroll.

## QUALIFICATIONS CONTINUED

Candidates also must possess:

- 1) Superior analytical ability and strong research and writing skills.
- 2) Proficiency in computer and word processing skills.
- 3) Ability to work independently in a production oriented high-volume work environment, often with rapid turn-around times.
- 4) Membership in a Bar of a state, territorial, or Federal Court of general jurisdiction.

## PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Law school GPA of 3.25 GPA or better
- Prior federal clerkship/externship or complex litigation experience
- Membership on a law review/journal or as principal drafter of briefs for a moot court interscholastic competition team
- Experience in the areas of social security and/or habeas corpus law

## OTHER

Due to the high volume of applications received, the Court will only contact those who will be considered for interviews. Applications will be reviewed, and interviews scheduled, on a rolling basis. All first interviews will take place by Zoom. Judge Clay reserves the right to request an in-person second interview. Applicants selected for second interviews must travel at their own expense and relocation expenses will not be reimbursed.

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.