UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Northern District of Ohio

Sara Lioi, Chief Judge | Christian Capece, Clerk of Court

NOTICE OF VACANCY

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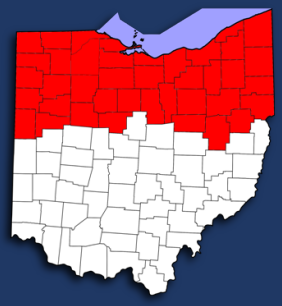

The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio currently holds court in Cleveland, Akron, Toledo, and Youngstown and serves the 6 million citizens of the 40 most northern counties in the state. It is among the 17 largest U.S. district courts.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants may apply by submitting ONE PDF document to apply@ohnd.uscourts.gov 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. DISTRICT JUDGE
VACANCY #26-35

Duty Station:	Cleveland, Ohio	**Posted:**	August 20, 2026
Status:	Full-time Temporary	**Closing Date:**	Open Until Filled
Classification:	JSP 12 – JSP 13	**Salary Range:**	$93,461 - $111,138

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 U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio is accepting applications for the position of Term Law Clerk to U.S. District Judge Pamela A. Barker, located in Cleveland, Ohio. The ideal start date for this law clerk appointment is January 11, 2027. This position is anticipated to be a one-year term with potential for extension at the discretion of the successful applicant and Judge Barker. **Judge Barker will not consider applicants who are currently in law school.**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary duties of the position include traditional law clerk responsibilities such as researching substantive issues of federal and state law, drafting legal memoranda, opinions, and orders, and attending court proceedings. Additional duties include interacting with chambers' staff, court personnel, litigants and/or the public, and generally providing trusted legal support to the Judge. 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.

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. Candidates also must possess:

1) Superior analytical ability and strong research and writing skills. The ability to prepare bench memoranda and draft opinions on complex civil cases is critical to this position. Applicants must have significant research and writing experience, as well as a demonstrated ability to work proficiently and independently on complex matters.
2) Proficiency in computer and word processing skills.

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

3) Ability to work independently in a production oriented high-volume work environment.
4) Membership in a Bar of a state, territorial, or Federal Court of general jurisdiction; and
5) At least two years of legal work or experience in a comparable position emphasizing legal writing and research.

Preferred Qualifications

- Prior federal clerkship

Other

Due to the high volume of applications received, the Court will only contact those who will be considered for interviews. Applicants selected for interviews must travel at their own expense and relocation expenses will not be reimbursed. Interviews may take place in-person or via Zoom.

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.