



UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT
219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Staff Attorney (Assistant Supervisor), Motions Unit
Salary Range: CL 30-01- to CL 30-61 \$112,464-\$182,814 depending on qualifications
Closing Date: April 27, 2026

Position Overview:

The United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit invites applications for a permanent Staff Attorney in the Motions Unit of the Staff Attorney's Office to advise the court on disposition of motions and assist in the supervision of staff law clerks. The Staff Attorney's responsibilities include preparing and presenting to judges recommended dispositions of both routine and complex motions including requests for emergency or extraordinary relief, assisting in the training and supervision of non-career staff law clerks in the Motions Unit, and coordinating with the staff of the Clerk of Court on motions, case management, and other procedural matters. The Staff Attorney will work with and report to the Supervisory Staff Attorney for Motions and may serve as acting supervisor.

Qualifications:

The successful applicant will be part of a highly collegial and hard-working team dedicated to meeting the exacting standards of legal excellence required for the work of the court. Applicants must have excellent academic credentials and superior analytical, research, writing, editing, organizational, and time-management skills. They must also be knowledgeable about federal procedural and substantive law. Experience as a law clerk or staff attorney in the Federal Judiciary or a State supreme court is desirable and specific experience handling appellate motions is highly desirable. Applicants must have a Juris Doctor degree from an ABA-approved law school, three or more years of legal practice experience, and bar membership.

Benefits:

Benefits include eleven paid holidays, paid vacation and sick leave, participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS), Thrift Savings Plan (401k), and public transit subsidy (budget dependent). Benefits also include optional participation in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB), Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program (FEGLI), Flexible Benefits Program, and Dental and Vision Insurance, and an onsite gym. Information can be found on the court's website under Human Resources at: www.ca7.uscourts.gov.

Application:

Consideration will only be given to those individuals who apply through the court's online applicant tracking system and provide a resume and cover letter, law school transcript, two practice-oriented legal writing samples, and a list of three references. Writing samples should disclose the extent of any editing by others.

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/uscourtsilnd/7thcircuitcoa>

Due to the anticipated large response to this announcement, only those interviewed will be notified of the selection outcome. The court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement or to withdraw the announcement without written notice to applicants. Travel expenses for interviews cannot be reimbursed.

Please note that this position is not covered by the Fair Chance Act and requires that applicants provide criminal history information prior to receiving any conditional offer of employment. All information provided by applicants is subject to verification and background investigation. Applicants are advised that false statements or omission of information on any application materials may be grounds for non-selection, withdrawal of an offer of employment or dismissal after being employed.

Pursuant to the Immigration and Reform Act of 1986, selection is contingent upon providing proof of being legally eligible to work in and for the United States. Employees are required to use Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) for payroll deposit.

The court plans to make its hiring decision no later than July 2026, with the successful applicant starting in August 2026.

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