

TAX COURT CLERKSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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U.S. TAX COURT CLERKSHIPS

Why Should I Apply for a Clerkship?

Clerkships give a student the chance to observe first hand the judicial system and to apply many of the concepts they may learn or have learned in the LL.M. program. In addition, some clerkships provide an ideal mentor experience in which the judge will help his or her clerk develop critical listening and writing skills and may even offer advice on career options and possibly assist the clerk in his or her job search. Clerking also provides a wide exposure to a variety of tax issues and networking opportunities, with other judges, clerks and attorneys who appear before the Court. For all of the above reasons, a clerkship can be one of the ideal jobs for a recent graduate of the LL.M. program and not only looks impressive on one's resume, but also can be an invaluable experience as well.

How Do I Apply for a Tax Court Clerkship?

Students who wish to apply for a clerkship with the United States Tax Court should submit their application for prospective vacancies as soon as possible in order to receive consideration for all positions. In general, most positions will be filled by the end of September. The Judges and Special Trial Judges recruit law clerks as vacancies occur; however, most vacancies will occur in the summer months. Vacancies average 20 to 25 positions annually. The period of employment is normally two years unless modified by the appointing Judge or Special Trial Judge.

Application Procedure

An application for employment should include an updated resume, two (2) letters of recommendation, a copy of the law school transcript and any legal brief, essay or article written by you.

This complete package should be submitted to:

United States Tax Court
Personnel Office, Room 146
400 Second Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20217

In addition, you may elect to submit a complete package to each Judge at the Tax court. As vacancies occur and interest is expressed in pursuing you as a potential candidate for a clerkship, the individual Chambers will contact applicants directly.

Questions concerning the application process may be directed to the Court's Personnel Office at (202) 6060-8724. Please see information below for a complete list of the Judges at the Tax Court.

JUDGES AT THE U.S. TAX COURT

(Judges may change—it is advisable to check the Court’s website for the most updated information.)

Carolyn P. Chiechi
Mary Ann Cohen
John O. Colvin, **Chief Judge**
Maurice B. Foley
Joseph H. Gale
Joel Gerber
Joseph R. Goeke
Harry A. Haines
James S. Halpern
Mark V. Holmes
Diane L. Kroupa
David Laro
L. Paige Marvel
Stephen J. Swift
Michael B. Thornton
Juan F. Vasquez
Thomas B. Wells
Robert A. Wherry Jr.

Senior Judges on Recall

Renato Beghe
Herbert L. Chabot
Howard A. Dawson, Jr.
Julian I. Jacobs
Arthur L. Nims, III
Robert P. Ruwe
Laurence J. Whalen

Special Trial Judges

Robert N. Armen
Lewis R. Carluzzo
D. Irvin Couvillion
John F. Dean
Stanley J. Goldberg
Peter J. Panuthos, **Chief Special Trial Judge**
Carleton D. Powell

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