

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Illinois  
Vacancy Announcement**

**Position:** Staff Law Clerk

**Salary:** JSP 11/1 (currently \$82,655)

**Posting Date:** April 9, 2025

**Closing Date:** Open Until Filled



**THIS POSITION IS FOR A STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION WITH THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT AND NOT A CHAMBERS POSITION. THE POSITION MAY APPEAR ON OSCAR AS A CHAMBERS POSITION AS OSCAR DOES NOT OFFER THE FUNCTIONALITY TO POST POSITIONS SUCH AS THIS CORRECTLY.**

This is to invite applications for a staff law clerk position with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago. Contingent on Fiscal Year 2026 funding, the one-year position will begin on **October 1, 2025**, with possibility for extension subject to performance and continued government funding.

**Position Overview:** Staff law clerks in this court serve all bankruptcy judges in Chicago. The court serves many persons in need of bankruptcy relief, ranging from those struggling to save their cars or homes to great businesses in difficulty, and their creditors. The staff law clerks play an important role in helping the court to resolve all issues and run effectively.

**Qualifications:** In reviewing applications, we look for candidates who are excellent researchers and writers, excel at management of multiple projects, have a high-level of attention to detail and can demonstrate qualities of scholarship, integrity, commitment to service, preference for intellectual challenges and congeniality. Preference is given to applicants who have written for a law review and taken one or more bankruptcy courses, Uniform Commercial Code, and other commercial courses, or have extensive practice experience in those areas. The applicant must be a law school graduate and should be admitted to practice by at least one State bar, be awaiting bar examination results or be scheduled to take an upcoming bar examination. The position is located in Chicago, Illinois.

**Notice to Applicants:** The final candidate will be subject to a background investigation. The court requires employees to adhere to the Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees which is available at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/judiciary-policies/code-conduct/code-conduct-judicial-employees>. Direct deposit is required for employee salary compensation. Applicants must be United States citizens or eligible to work in the United States. The court is a smoke free environment.

**How to Apply:** Interested persons should submit a **cover letter, personal resume, two letters of recommendation, two writing samples and their law school transcript** via the Online System for Clerkship Application and Review (OSCAR) at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov/> (posting by Judge Timothy A. Barnes).

**Questions:** Questions regarding the position or application process may be submitted to the chambers of Judge Timothy A. Barnes via email to [Ilbnml\\_chambers\\_barnes@ilnb.uscourts.gov](mailto:Ilbnml_chambers_barnes@ilnb.uscourts.gov).

Only applicants who are selected for interviews will be contacted by the court. Applicants selected for interviews must travel at their own expense or be interviewed via video conference.

The United States Bankruptcy Court reserves the right to amend the conditions of this job vacancy announcement, or to withdraw the announcement at any time without prior written or other notice.

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