



U. S. District Court Southern District of Mississippi

Term Law Clerk Vacancy Announcement MSSD-2026-05

POSITION

TERM LAW CLERK

LOCATION

Gulfport, Mississippi

SALARY/TARGET

JSP 11-13 Based on 2026 salary tables, the full-time starting salary ranges from \$74,678 to \$106,437 (actual salary dependent on relevant experience and bar membership).

POSITION AVAILABLE

June 2026 (actual start date to be determined)

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE

Open Until Filled.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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The U. S. District Court, Southern District of Mississippi, is an Equal Opportunity Employer

POSITION OVERVIEW / RESPONSIBILITIES

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi seeks qualified applicants for the position of LAW CLERK to CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE HALIL "SUL" OZERDEN.

The law clerk will work closely with the Judge on all aspects of the docket and will be assigned responsibility for daily monitoring, research, and writing immediately upon entering on duty. The term law clerk is also responsible for some clerical/administrative duties. These duties may require the term law clerk to answer and screen telephone calls; greet and assist the public; answer general inquiries; proofread and edit material for grammar, spelling accuracy and word usage; review legal submissions (such as motions, petitions, supporting and opposing briefs); manage the docket and prioritize projects to ensure that motions are briefed and are cleared in a timely manner; assist with settlement conferences; and keep abreast of changes in the law. Applicants must possess excellent research, writing, proofreading, and communication skills.

The duty station for this position is Gulfport, Mississippi.

The term of position will be June 2026 through June 2027 with the possibility of being renewed for one additional year at the discretion of the judge.

Court employees are not civil service employees and serve at the will of the Court. **All court employees must be aware of and in compliance with the canons of federal judicial conduct and are subject to appropriate background and security investigation.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications should include a cover letter, resume, one writing sample, three letters of recommendation, an official undergraduate transcript (and postgraduate transcripts, if applicable), and an unofficial law school transcript.

Interested applicants may submit by mail or email to: Honorable Halil "Sul" Ozerden
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Gulfport, MS 39501
Telephone: 228-679-1070
Email: Ozerden_Chambers@mssd.uscourts.gov

The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, to withdraw the announcement, or to fill the position sooner than the closing date without prior notice.