



U. S. District Court  
Southern District of Mississippi

Judicial Assistant/Courtroom Deputy Clerk  
Vacancy Announcement MSSD-2024-09 - Repost

**POSITION**

Judicial Assistant/Courtroom Deputy for  
U. S. District Judge Kristi H. Johnson

**LOCATION**

Jackson, Mississippi

**SALARY/TARGET**

CPS 27 (\$59,133 to \$73,939)\*

\*Entry level range - Actual salary will be  
determined by applicant's qualifications.

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

May 5, 2025

**APPLICATION  
CLOSING DATE**

Open Until Filled.  
To be assured of consideration,  
applications should be received by  
March 28, 2025.

**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 is accepting applications for a position of JUDICIAL ASSISTANT/COURTROOM DEPUTY CLERK for U. S. District Judge Kristi H. Johnson in Jackson, Mississippi.

The Judicial Assistant/Courtroom Deputy Clerk responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Maintaining the judge's court calendar and managing the movement of cases by fixing (or resetting, when necessary) dates and times for hearings, settlement conferences and trials, notifying counsel and other parties concerned, and monitoring the civil and criminal cases assigned until conclusion.
- Attending court sessions and conferences and assisting with the orderly flow of proceedings including, but not limited to, setting up the courtroom, assuring the presence of all necessary participants, managing exhibits, and recording court proceedings as required.
- Scheduling court reporters and court interpreters, notifying the jury clerk of upcoming trials, docketing orders, pleadings, judgments, and minute entries as directed by local policy.

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 and any offer of employment will be conditioned upon successful completion of such investigation.**

Judicial Assistant/Courtroom Deputy Clerks are employed on a one-year probationary term; all court positions are subject to budgetary or organization reduction which could result in the elimination of this position.

## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

TO MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS POSITION, APPLICANT MUST:

- Possess a high school diploma or the equivalent and a minimum of two years of specialized experience. This specialized experience comes from progressively responsible clerical or administrative experience requiring the regular and recurring application of clerical procedures that demonstrate the ability to apply a body of rules, regulations, directives, or laws and involve the routine use of specialized terminology and automated software and equipment for word processing, data entry or report generation. Such experience is commonly encountered in law firms, legal counsel\offices, banking and credit firms, educational institutions, social service organizations, insurance companies, real estate and title offices, and corporate headquarters or human resources/payroll operations.
- Work harmoniously with others, meet the public and handle the telephone in a professional manner, be tactful, consistently demonstrate sound ethics and judgment, and possess poise and initiative.
- Possess a thorough knowledge and understanding of the policies and procedures of the court; must have good knowledge of spelling, punctuation, grammatical usage and legal terminology; must have strong organizational skills and be able to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; must have the ability to multi-task under strict deadlines and to understand and follow detailed instructions; must have the ability to accurately take notes and summarize material for minute entries and/or judgments, to track motions, deadlines and orders and to generate statistical and operational reports; and must be experienced in working with automated systems, particularly the court's CM/ECF system, as well as word processing software, such as Microsoft Word.
- Reside within reasonable daily commuting distance of the United States Courthouse in Jackson, Mississippi.

## BENEFITS

The judiciary offers a generous benefits package which includes:

Eleven (11) paid holidays; paid sick and annual leave; medical insurance options (requires employee contribution); life insurance options (requires employee contribution); retirement options including participation in the Thrift Saving Plans (tax deferred or Roth retirement savings); and flexible spending account options.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Employees of the federal judiciary serve under "Excepted Appointments" and are considered "at-will" employees and can be terminated with or without cause at any time with the exception of Probation Officers, who must be removed for cause per 18 U.S.C. 362.
- Employees of the judiciary are required to use direct deposit for their salary payments.
- Candidates must be citizens of the United States of America or be eligible to work in the United States.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Qualified applicants should submit (1) a cover letter; (2) a current resume of qualifications, education and employment experience; (3) a list of three professional references with contact information and (4) a completed Application for Judicial Branch Employment (AO 78), which is available at <http://www.uscourts.gov/uscourts/FormsAndFees/Forms/AO078.pdf>.

Submit the documents in a **single PDF format** via email (subject: **Judicial Assistant/Courtroom Deputy Clerk– Jackson - MSSD-2024-09 - Repost**) to [Hr\\_manager@mssd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Hr_manager@mssd.uscourts.gov) (**PREFERRED**). Alternatively, paper applications will be accepted by mail or hand delivery (marked Confidential – MSSD-2024-09 - Repost) to:

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501 E. Court St., Suite 2.500  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201  
(Faxes will not be accepted)