

STATE OF MAINE  
JUDICIAL BRANCH



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES  
LAW CLERK – MAINE DISTRICT COURT

The State of Maine Judicial Branch is accepting applications for clerkship positions with the Maine District Court for the 2027-2028 term, which runs from August 16, 2027, through August 11, 2028. Up to eight positions are expected to be available, with law clerks headquartered in Biddeford, Portland, Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor, and the Midcoast.

The forty-four judges of the District Court have statewide jurisdiction to adjudicate criminal matters in the Unified Criminal Docket, as well as civil, protective custody, juvenile, and family matters. Eight family law magistrates assist in the processing of family matter proceedings involving children.

Each District Court Law Clerk works for the entire District Court but primarily receives assignments from judges and magistrates in one or two judicial regions. Duties include, but are not limited to, assisting judges and magistrates with legal research regarding various areas of the court's jurisdiction, drafting memoranda and decisions, and monitoring trials and other proceedings. Travel throughout the state may be required.

Qualified candidates must have a degree in law or expect to obtain a degree in law by July 2027. Selection criteria include academic performance; analytical and communication skills; experience on law review or a journal, moot court, a clinical program, or an internship, or other significant research or writing experience; faculty and/or employer recommendations; and strong work ethic. Bar admission is not required.

Salary: \$70,636.80 plus fringe benefits.

How to Apply: The application consists of the following documents:

- **Cover letter:** The cover letter must identify the location or locations (Biddeford, Portland, Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor, and/or the Midcoast) at which the applicant is willing to accept a clerkship assignment.
- **Résumé**
- **School-issued law school transcript:** The transcript may be official or unofficial, but not self-prepared.
- **Writing sample:** Sample must be double spaced, no more than ten pages, and unedited by others.
- **Two letters of recommendation:** The letters of recommendation may be addressed to the District Court Judges and may be emailed separately from the other application materials.

**The Court will accept the materials in .pdf format by email at the following email address: DistrictCourt.clerkship@courts.maine.gov. Full applications must be received by July 24, 2026, at 4 p.m.**

Interviews will be held in September or October 2026.

Successful candidates will be required to submit to criminal, motor vehicle, and other records checks.

Applicants are also encouraged to complete the **Applicant Information Survey** that may be found at <https://www.courts.maine.gov/about/clerkships.html> and return it via email to: HR.Help@courts.maine.gov.

Inquiries may be directed to DistrictCourt.clerkship@courts.maine.gov.

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