

STATE OF MAINE
JUDICIAL BRANCH



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LAW CLERK – MAINE SUPERIOR COURT

The State of Maine Judicial Branch is accepting applications for Law Clerk positions with the Maine Superior 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 in Biddeford, Portland, Auburn, Augusta, Bangor, and the Midcoast.

The eighteen justices of the Superior Court have statewide general jurisdiction extending to all criminal matters in the Unified Criminal Docket, including murder and felony cases; civil and equitable matters; and appeals from state agencies, municipalities, and the District Court. Civil jury trials are held only in the Superior Court.

Each Law Clerk works for the entire Superior Court but will be assigned to work primarily with two to three justices and may also assist District Court judges. Assignments are based on geography and expected workload. Duties include, but are not limited to, researching and drafting memoranda and decisions and assisting with 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 before July 2027. Selection criteria include academic performance and class standing; experience on law review or a journal, moot court, a clinical program, or an internship experience, or other significant research or writing experience; faculty and employment 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, Auburn, 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**: The writing sample should be no longer than ten pages double-spaced. Although it may be edited or critiqued by others, the sample should primarily reflect the applicant's own work.
- **Two letters of recommendation**: The letters of recommendation may be addressed to the Superior Court Justices 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: SuperiorCourt.clerkship@courts.maine.gov. Full applications must be received by July 24, 2026, at 4 p.m.

Interviews will be conducted in September 2026. Part of the interview process includes completion of a timed writing exercise which will be assigned prior to interviews.

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 SuperiorCourt.clerkship@courts.maine.gov.

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