



Fresno, California

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Position Details

Job Grade: JSP 11 - 13
2026 Salary Range:
\$75,055 – \$106,973 (DOE).

Closing Date: Open until filled, preference will be given to materials received by Friday, May 29, 2026. Materials will be reviewed as they are received, and candidates of interest will be contacted for more information or to schedule an interview.

How to Apply:

Applicants must submit materials electronically through the OSCAR system located at <https://oscar.uscourts.gov/>. The posting is under the account of U.S. District Judge Kirk E. Sherriff.

Applicants must provide:

- 1) Cover letter addressed to U.S. District Judge Kirk E. Sherriff, U.S. District Court, 2500 Tulare Street #1501, Fresno, CA 93721
- 2) Resume
- 3) Recent writing sample (not more than 15 pages in length)
- 4) Law school transcript
- 5) Undergraduate transcript
- 6) 3 letters of recommendation

- 7) A list of at least 3 professional references (at least 1 must be a person the applicant has worked for in the past 2 years)

U.S. District Judge Kirk E. Sherriff is seeking well-qualified applicants for a term law clerk position in his Fresno chambers. The clerk will conduct extensive research and writing on a wide range of matters, and will assist Judge Sherriff with hearings, trials, and caseload management.

Applicants must be available for a **start date of employment in or shortly after June 2026**. The term will last until the end of **August 2027**, with the possibility of extension. The clerk will be expected to perform work in the Fresno courthouse on a regular and recurring basis with limited availability of telework subject to Judge Sherriff's approval.

Strong research and writing qualifications are required. Successful applicants will be able to work in a collaborative, team environment, while also working self-sufficiently. Applicants with post-graduate legal work experience, clerkship experience, or other practical experience (including clinic work) are preferred. Law review, journal, moot court, and/or federal judicial extern experience is also highly valued. Applicants must be law school graduates or be scheduled to graduate law school prior to the start date of the clerkship, with strong academic records. Candidates with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences are encouraged to apply.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

SALARY

Starting salary will be set based on the following:

- Candidates with less than one year of post-graduate legal work experience will be placed at a JSP grade 11 step 1 (\$75,055).
- Candidates with at least one year of post-graduate legal work experience and Bar membership in a state, territorial or Federal Court of general jurisdiction will be placed at a JSP grade 12 step 1 (\$89,959).
- Candidates with at least two years of post-graduate legal work experience and Bar membership in a state, territorial or Federal Court of general jurisdiction will be placed at a JSP grade 13 step 1 (\$106,973).

Consideration for placement above step 1 will be limited to candidates who possess work experience as a federal employee at a higher grade and/or step as permitted under Highest Previous Rate (HPR) Authority rules.

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Benefits:

The court offers a competitive benefits package that includes:

- Paid Holidays
- Health Insurance
- Dental & Vision Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Flexible Spending Account
- On Site Parking
- On Site Gym

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DISCLOSURES

- The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, or to withdraw the announcement, any of which may occur without prior written or other notice.
- Only qualified applicants will be considered for this position and participation in the interview process will be at the applicant's own expense. Relocation expenses will not be provided.
- Court employees serve under "Excepted Appointments" and are considered "at will" employees exempt from Federal Civil Service classifications and regulations. California employment laws also do not apply. Court employees are entitled to the same benefits as Federal Civil Service employees.
- Court employees are subject to a Code of Conduct. A copy can be found on the *Careers>Employment Information>Code of Conduct* section of the court's website at www.caed.uscourts.gov.
- The selected candidate will be subject to an FBI fingerprint background check. All information provided is subject to verification and background investigation.
- Applicants must meet citizenship requirements to work for the United States government. Requirements can be found through the *Careers>Employment Information>Disclosures* section of the court's website at www.caed.uscourts.gov.