



Position:	Law Clerk	Starting Salary:	\$59,775
Organization:	Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania	Location:	Harrisburg / State College
Department:	Judicial Chambers	Benefits:	link to benefits
Posting Date:	August 1, 2022	Response Deadline:	open until position is filled

Description:

This is professional legal work as a Law Clerk to a Commonwealth Court judge.

Typical Duties:

- Legal research pertinent to caseload of judge to which assigned.
- Reads, analyzes, and interprets lower court record(s), agency briefs, and/or appellate court briefs.
- Searches for, interprets and applies statutes, court decisions, and other legal authorities on points of law involved in the preparation of legal rulings.
- Prepares drafts of opinions, orders, and memoranda of law.
- Proofreads and reviews circulating opinions.
- Attends court sessions and hearings.
- Performs related work as required.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Graduation from an approved school of law, admission to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania within twelve months of appointment or an equivalent combination of experience and/or training.

Additional Preferences / Requirements:

- Knowledge of the unified judicial system of the Commonwealth.
- Knowledge of judicial procedures and rule of practice.
- Knowledge of the principles, methods, materials, and practices of legal research.
- Skill in analyzing, appraising and organizing facts, evidence and material, and presenting such material in clear and logical form for oral or written presentation as opinions, memoranda, orders, or decisions.
- Ability to understand and interpret constitutional provisions, statutes, administrative regulations and precedents.
- Ability to prepare for judicial approval orders and opinions on petitions, motions, and appeals filed.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with members of the judiciary, court and departmental administrators, attorneys, and associates.
- Law Review preferred, but not required.

How to Apply:

Candidates interested in applying for this position are requested to submit via email a resume, transcript (if recent graduate), references, and writing sample, along with a cover letter noting position title to: CommonwealthCourtJobs@pacourts.us. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

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