

Law Clerk

2026-2027

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Office: Circuit Court for Washington County, The Honorable Kirk C. Downey

Salary: \$63,751 Non-Bar Member

\$70,822 Bar Member

FLSA Status: Exempt

Position Type: Regular/Temporary, Full Time, At-Will

Financial Disclosure: No

Benefits: The Maryland Judiciary offers a generous benefits package including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, flexible spending accounts, paid time off, paid holidays, supplemental retirement plans, and employee assistance programs.

Essential Functions: The Law Clerk provides legal support to the Judge. Prepares memoranda and opinions, researches legal issues, prepares cases for docket, reviews case files and motions as they are sent to Chambers, performs a variety of duties related to the court's case management, and attends Court daily. Performs other duties as assigned.

Education: Has obtained a Juris doctorate degree from an ABA-accredited law school or will have received a Juris Doctor by May 2026.

Skills/Abilities: Excellent legal writing and research skills. Knowledge of civil, family, and criminal laws, rules, and court procedures to include the progression of case from original charge through trial, sentencing, modification, and violation of probation stages. Knowledge of general office work such as filing and recording information. Knowledge of computer hardware and software. Excellent organizational and time management skills. Ability to compose orders and memoranda. Ability to apply polices, procedures, rules, regulations, and laws as required. Ability to perform all essential functions of this position.

To Apply: Please send résumé, writing sample, 2 letters of recommendation, transcript (unofficial is acceptable) and cover letter to: Linde.Cessna@mdcourts.gov

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