



Vacancy Announcement – USDC – CT 24-10

United States District Court District of Connecticut

Position: Magistrate Judge Courtroom Deputy I
Location: Bridgeport, Connecticut
Starting Grade/Range: CL 24 - CL 26* (\$51,003 - \$100,849)
Opening Date: June 3, 2024
Closing Date: Open until filled.
(Preference given to those applications received by June 17, 2024)

Overview of Position:

The Clerk's Office of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut is seeking qualified applicants for the full-time position of Courtroom Deputy to Magistrate Judge S. Dave Vatti. Courtroom deputies perform specialized duties as listed below. The position entails a high level of knowledge and complexity regarding court operations and courtroom proceedings. The incumbent will report directly to the Bridgeport Division Manager and performs, but is not limited to, the following duties:

- Attends court sessions and conferences. Assists with the orderly flow of proceedings including, but not limited to, setting up the courtroom and assuring the presence of all necessary participants. Manages and organizes exhibits used in court proceedings, including setting up and troubleshooting electronic evidence presentation systems. Operates recording equipment to record court proceedings.
- Takes notes of proceedings and rulings and prepares minute entries electronically. Responsible for docketing minutes of all court proceedings and documents filed in court on the civil and criminal docket in ECF. Dockets orders, pleadings and judgments as directed by local court policy, utilizing applicable automated systems.
- Reviews cases or reports for necessary actions. Drafts orders and notices as required for the judge's approval.
- Manages judge's cases by calendaring and monitoring deadlines and monitoring the filing of pertinent documents and the timely responses to judicial orders.
- Prepares and docket judgments, and distributes documents as directed by local court policy.
- Reviews the quality of electronically filed documents, ensuring that all orders and automated entries are appropriately and accurately docketed, and makes summary entries on the docket of all documents and proceedings.
- Coordinates hearings. Serves as primary source of information on scheduling conferences, hearings, trials, and other case proceedings.
- Schedules court reporters and answers questions from parties and the public regarding obtaining transcripts.
- Schedules interpreters. Manages the Telephone Interpreting Program (TIP) including setting up and troubleshooting the system and training counsel in the use of the equipment.
- Trains counsel in the use of electronic courtroom technology as needed.
- Informs the judge and immediate staff of case progress. Acts as liaison for the clerk's office, the bar, the public, and the judge to ensure that cases proceed smoothly and efficiently.

- Informs jury clerk of upcoming trials and need for jurors. Assists the judge and parties in jury selection and maintains records of jury selection and attendance. Coordinates and facilitates jury meals as needed. Maintains contact with counsel during deliberations.
- Arranges for the appointment of attorneys when such services are requested by defendants in criminal cases.
- Assists in the accurate and timely statistical reporting requirements of the Administrative Office, including the MJSTAR and CJRA reports.
- Performs case administration duties and administrative tasks.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Must be able to attend court proceedings that may start or go past the incumbent's normal work hours.
- Must possess excellent written and oral communication skills, organizational skills, and analytical skills. Individuals must also possess the ability to exercise mature judgment and skill in dealing with others in person-to-person work relationships.
- Knowledge of federal and local rules, legal terminology, and legal documents. Knowledge of courtroom proceedings and applicable requirements (including time requirements), statistical reporting requirements, and how cases proceed through the court system. Must possess the ability to understand and follow detailed instructions, take accurate notes, and summarize court proceedings. Must also possess the ability to multi-task under strict deadlines.
- Skill in the use of computer applications/programs, including word processing, court computer programs, automated case management systems, scanning and uploading pdf documents, e-mail, and web browsers.
- To be eligible for the appointment at a CL 26, a candidate must possess at least 2 years of specialized experience equivalent to work at the CL 25 level. Specialized experience includes progressively responsible experience that is closely related to the work of this position that has provided the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully perform the duties of this position.

Education:

High school graduation or equivalent required. Bachelor's degree preferred.

How to Apply:

Please attach **in PDF format** your cover letter, resume, and the Judicial Branch Federal Employment Application (AO 78) to Human Resources Department @ Email:

HR_department@ctd.uscourts.gov

Applications for Judicial Branch Federal Employment (AO78) may be obtained at:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/forms/human-resources-forms/application-judicial-branch-federal-employment>

Applicants must also submit a narrative statement addressing the following:

Recall a time from your court work experience when your manager or supervisor was unavailable, and a problem arose. What was the nature of the problem? How did you handle that situation? How did that make you feel?

The Court will communicate only with those applicants who are selected for an interview. **No phone calls please.**

Benefits:

- A minimum of 11 paid holidays per year
- Paid annual leave in the amount of 13 days per year for the first three years, 20 days per year after three years, and 26 days per year after fifteen years.
- Paid sick leave in the amount of 13 days per year.
- Retirement benefits
- Optional participation in Thrift Savings Plan
- Optional participation in choice of Federal Employees' Health Benefits
- Optional participation in choice of Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance
- Optional participation in the Flexible Benefits Program
- Optional participation in the Commuter Benefit Program
- Optional participation in Long-Term Care Insurance
- Credit, time in-service, for prior government service for employees of other federal agencies, as well as time for those with prior military service, will be taken into consideration when computing leave accrual and retirement benefits.

Conditions of Employment:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or eligible to work in the United States.
- Successful candidate for this position is subject to a full fingerprint and background records check. Any applicant selected for a position will be hired provisionally pending successful completion of the background investigation.
- Mandatory electronic direct deposit of salary payment.
- Employees are required to adhere to the Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees [available to applicants to view at the court website: www.ctd.uscourts.gov].
- Employees of the U.S. District Court are EXCEPTED SERVICE APPOINTMENTS. Excepted service appointments are "at will" and can be terminated with or without cause by the court.
- All applications will be reviewed to identify the best qualified candidates. Due to the volume of applications received, the Court will only communicate with those individuals invited for an interview. Applicants selected for interviews must travel at their own expense. The Court may close this announcement at any time. The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this position announcement or to withdraw the announcement, which may occur without prior written notice.

The District of Connecticut is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity and inclusion.