

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT
STAFF ATTORNEYS' OFFICE**

Staff Attorney*

Job Announcement: #16-10

Position Type: Full-time Temporary (flexibility for part-time employment may possibly be considered), position terminates on September 30, 2016

Location: John J. Moakley U.S. Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts

Salary: CL 29/1 - CL 30/2 (\$73,940 - \$88,283)
Depending on qualifications and experience

Closing Date: Open Until Filled (applications should be filed by February 25, 2016, as selection may occur at that time)

Starting Date: March 2016 (or possibly later)
*More than one position may be filled by this vacancy announcement.

Responsibilities: The staff attorneys perform research for the Court of Appeals judges and draft memoranda, opinions and orders in a wide range of civil and criminal matters.

Qualifications: Candidates must have a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from an accredited law school; admission to practice before the highest court of a State, Territory, Commonwealth or federal court of general jurisdiction of the United States; excellent academic credentials; superior analytic, research, oral communication, writing and editing skills; and at least two (2) years post-law school legal experience (preferably as a judicial law clerk and/or with significant federal law experience).

Benefits: Federal benefits include paid vacation, sick leave and health benefits.

Background Check: The successful candidate is subject to a background check or investigation, which includes an FBI fingerprint check as a condition of employment. Employee retention depends upon a favorable suitability determination.

How to Apply: Submit the following:

- Cover letter and resume addressing qualifications and relevant experience;
- Law school transcript;
- One (1) self-edited writing sample;
- Three (3) professional references with names and telephone numbers of persons who may be contacted during the selection process; and

- Application for Federal Judicial Branch Employment (AO 78) available at the Court's website <http://www.ca1.uscourts.gov/sites/ca1/files/AO078.pdf>.

Completed application packages should be submitted on or before February 25, 2016, to:

Senior Staff Attorney
Staff Attorneys' Office
John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse
1 Courthouse Way, Suite 5402
Boston, MA 02210

Additional Conditions of Employment:

An applicant must be a United States citizen or permanently eligible to work in the United States. The Federal Financial Management Reform Act requires direct deposit of federal wages. All court employees are required to adhere to a Code of Conduct. Successful completion of a three-month probationary period is required. All U.S. Court of Appeals employees are "at will" employees and serve at the pleasure of the Court. The U.S. Court of Appeals will only communicate with those qualified individuals who will be invited for an interview. The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, or to withdraw the announcement, either of which may occur without prior written or other notice. If a subsequent vacancy of the same or similar characteristics to this position becomes available within a reasonable time of the original announcement, the Senior Staff Attorney may elect to select a candidate from the original qualified applicant pool.

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