

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
Middle District of Georgia
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: COURTROOM DEPUTY
Vacancy No: 2026-03
No. of Vacancies: 1 (Full-Time Permanent)
Location: Columbus, Georgia
Opening Date: January 23, 2026
Closing Date: February 6, 2026, no later than 5:00 PM EST, or until position is filled with preference given to applications received by 5:00 PM EST on by February 6, 2026
Salary: CL 26 (\$57,498 – \$93,447)
CL 27 (\$63,166 – \$102,680)
Based Upon Qualifications and Experience

The Clerk's Office of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Columbus Division, is accepting applications for a full-time, permanent Courtroom Deputy to a United States Magistrate Judge. The Court is seeking a self-motivated individual who possesses a strong work ethic and has excellent interpersonal, automation, and analytical skills. This position performs general or specialized court or courtroom functions. Occasional travel is required.

Position Overview:

Courtroom deputies perform general or specialized court or courtroom functions such as calendaring, and/or similar courtroom services work. The duties involve managing the judge's caseload, attending and logging court proceedings, processing orders, and recording proceedings. This job entails a high level of knowledge and complexity regarding court or courtroom operations. In addition, they function at the fully proficient level of courtroom work, including complete calendar responsibilities, scheduling conferences, hearings, trials, monitoring deadlines, monitoring filing of pertinent documents, generating reports and processing orders.

Performs duties associated with digital court recording (e.g. records court proceedings, processes multi-media duplication and transcript requests, and catalogs recordings) and ensures all electronic equipment is functioning properly, including setting up and troubleshooting electronic evidence presentation systems. Assists with courtroom proceedings, assures the presence of all necessary participants, swearing in of witnesses, coordinating telephonic and video conference hearings, operating digital recording system, and managing exhibits and sealed documents admitted during court proceedings. Takes notes of proceedings, rulings, notices, and prepares minute entries electronically. Performs case administration duties and other related duties as assigned.

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Typical Qualifications:

- Ability to organize, plan, direct and review daily work of others
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to produce accurate, thorough, and high-quality work products
- Demonstrates a high level of knowledge of district court rules and procedures
- Ability to communicate effectively with the judge, chambers staff, and attorneys
- Demonstrates skill in using personal computers, word processing software, Internet browser, electronic mail, and other software applications
- Initiative and ability to work independently
- Ability to think logically, research matters, and solve problems
- Demonstrates reliability and punctuality

Minimum Qualifications:

The successful applicant must possess:

For a CL-26, one year of specialized experience.

For a CL-27, two years specialized experience.

Specialized experience is progressively responsible clerical or administrative experience related to the processing of legal documents, use of specialized terminology and demonstrating the ability to apply a body of rules, regulations, directives or laws. Such experience is commonly encountered in law firms, legal counsel offices, banking and credit firms, educational institutions, social service organizations, insurance companies, real estate and title offices, and corporate headquarters or human resources/payroll operations.

Court Preferred Qualifications:

- Prior courtroom experience to include trial support and technology experience
- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited 4-year college or university
- CM/ECF experience
- General knowledge and understanding of the policies and procedures of the court
- General understanding of case management process from inception to closing
- Understanding of how other processes in the Clerk's Office relate to his/her position

Supplemental Information:

Notice to Applicants:

The United States District Court is an **Equal Opportunity Employer**. Employees of the United States District Court are required to adhere to a Code of Conduct, copies of which are available upon request. The United States District Court is part of the Judicial Branch of the United States Government. Employees of the United States District Court are Excepted Service Appointments. Excepted Service

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Appointments are considered AT WILL employees and can be terminated at any time with or without cause. The Federal Financial Reform Act requires direct deposit of federal wages for court employees. The court will not pay for any interview or relocation expenses. Applicants must be United States Citizens or eligible to work in the United States. All new selectees are subject to a background check or investigation and subsequent favorable suitability determination. Selectees to high-sensitive positions are subject to updated background investigations every five years.

The United States District Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, to withdraw the job announcement, or to fill the position at any time before the closing, any of which actions may occur without any prior written or other notice.

How to Apply:

Qualified applicants must email the following to jobs@gamd.uscourts.gov:

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Completed Application for Judicial Branch Federal Employment (AO78) to which is available at <http://www.uscourts.gov/forms/AO078.pdf>

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

The United States District Court is part of the Judicial Branch of the United States Government. Court employees are entitled to the same benefits as other federal employees. These benefits include:

- 11 paid holidays per year;
- Paid annual leave in the amount of 13 days per year for the first three years of employment; 20 days after three years; and 26 days after fifteen years of federal service;
- Paid sick leave in the amount of 13 days per year;
- Health, Life, Dental and Vision benefits
- Mandatory participation in the Federal Employees Retirement Program and Social Security Retirement Program;
- Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) participation with up to 5% employer matching contributions;
- Optional Flexible Benefits Programs
- Optional participation in the Judiciary's Long Term Care Insurance Program.

For more information on benefits, see <http://uscourts.gov/careers/benefits>.