



United States Court of Federal Claims

717 Madison Place NW
Washington, DC 20005

POSITION VACANCY

Announcement Number:	CFC-2024-07-ADM
Position Title:	Human Resources Specialist
Open Date:	November 18, 2024
Close Date:	December 27, 2024
Type of Appointment / Position:	Permanent / High Sensitive
Grade / Salary Range:	CL-27 (\$66,197– \$107,614) CL-28 (\$79,339– \$128,992) CL level will be determined based on experience.
Duty Location:	Washington, DC (conveniently located across from the White House and Lafayette Park, one block from McPherson Square Metro)
Who May Apply:	U.S. Citizens (or persons eligible to work in the United States)

Position Overview and Representative Duties:

The United States Court of Federal Claims is seeking to fill a Human Resources Specialist position in the court's Office of Administrative Services Office located in the National Courts Building, 717 Madison Place, NW, Washington, D.C. The incumbent performs and coordinates administrative, technical, and professional work related to human resources programs in accordance with approved procedures and policies. The incumbent ensures compliance with appropriate guidelines, policies, and approved internal controls related to human resources management. The Human Resources Specialist conducts research, performs analyses, and conducts audits on data and trends to develop a variety of organizational, statistical, budgetary, and operational reports. The Human Resources Specialist reports to the Human Resources Director.

No relocation expenses will be paid.

General Experience:

The candidate must have human resources (HR) experience and a performance history that demonstrates outstanding customer service and troubleshooting skills. The ideal candidate will have appropriate tact to interact directly with the court's judges and special masters, their chambers personnel, and court staff in order to support their human resources needs. The candidate should also have an innate sense of follow-through, team spirit, and professional responsibility for the quality of his or her work.

- Formulate, implement, and administer a full range of Human Resources policies and procedures. Review, research, analyze, develop, and recommend Human Resources policies to the Human Resources Director and other managers.
- Process a variety of human resources and payroll actions such as appointments, promotions, separations, terminations, within-grade increases, and changes to benefit elections. Maintain personnel records. Assist with the process of workers' compensation claims forms. Gather data for required reports, such as telework, fair employment practices, early-out authority, and workers' compensation.

- Ensure adherence to the Guide to Judiciary Policy and Human Resources Manual regarding HR practices and separation of duties. Develop, monitor, and update intern controls policies and procedures for the court.
- Conduct assigned recruitment efforts, such as preparing vacancy announcements and ensuring positions are advertised according to the needs of the court; review applications for completeness. Coordinate interviews, administer employment testing (when applicable), and maintain recruitment and hiring statistics for Fair Employment Practices Report. Create and maintain applicant log for each vacancy announcement.
- Create and classify position descriptions based on the court's needs and priorities. Make recommendations to Human Resources Director and other managers regarding staffing and budgeting impacts. Provide advice on organizational structure and classification standards and Guide management regarding staffing and other human resources-related proposed changes.
- Administer background checks and investigations. Process Personal Identity Verification Cards (PIV) for issuance of credentials and identification cards.
- Process fingerprints through the Fingerprint Transmission System (FTS), which includes collecting fingerprints and biographical data to support the process of background checks and background investigations.
- Advise judges and managers on leave administration and tracking matters to ensure adherence to judiciary leave policies and procedures. Maintain and audit leave and timekeeping records.
- Perform duties related to benefits administration, recruitment, classification, staffing budget, payroll, workers' compensation, personnel action processing, records maintenance, etc. for the court's varying needs and priorities. Maintain local personnel files, including payroll, leave records, and other accountability documents for audit purposes.
- Administer and utilize automated systems for human resources activities including HRMIS Leave Tracking, personnel projections, HRMIS, electronic records management, performance management, etc.
- Collaborate with court managers to identify training programs that will assist Clerk's Office and chambers staff to strengthen the skills necessary to their positions and to advance both professionally and personally.
- Review, research, and recommend training policies for court staff.
- Coordinate with the Federal Judicial Center and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts to determine educational programs, services, and resources available which best meet local training needs.
- Audit training programs to ensure they are current and continue to meet the needs of the court and the court's employees.
- Other duties as assigned.

HR experience in federal courts, law firms, or other legal environments is highly desirable. The successful candidate must be a self-starter as well as detail oriented. The candidate must also be highly organized and tactful, possess good judgment, poise and initiative, and maintain a professional appearance and demeanor at all times. The candidate must have strong prioritizing and problem-solving skills, solid communication skills (written & oral) and be able to communicate effectively with clients within and outside the court. A demonstrated ability to work harmoniously with others in a team environment and to exhibit a professional manner at all times is essential.

Required Qualifications:

To qualify at the CL 27 level: Two years of specialized experience, including at least one year equivalent to work at the CL-26 level.

To qualify at the CL 28 level: Two years of specialized experience, including at least one year equivalent to work at CL-27.

Preferred Qualifications:

The Court requires the candidate to have a bachelor's degree in human resources or a related field. Five (5) years of specialized experience which demonstrates working knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of the Human Resources Specialist may be substituted for the degree requirement.

Benefits:

11 holidays • 13-26 days annual leave (increases with service) • 13 days sick leave • Federal Employees Retirement System • Thrift Savings Plan • Commuter Benefit Program/Metro Transit Subsidy Program • Flexible Spending Accounts • Insurance available for health, dental, vision, life, and long-term care.

How to Apply:

To apply for this position, you must combine ALL documents listed below into a single PDF file and email to uscfcjobs@cfc.uscourts.gov. Zip files and faxes will not be accepted. Please include the Title and Job Announcement Number in the subject line.

- **Cover Letter** (include the Announcement Number and the position title and address your qualifications relating to the duties and responsibilities of this position);
- **Résumé;**
- **Form AO78 Federal Judiciary Application Form** which can be found at: www.uscourts.gov/uscourts/FormsAndFees/Forms/AO078.pdf;
- **Three (3) business/professional references** with name, affiliation, and contact information;
- **Salary History** for prior three (3) years;
- If a current Federal Civilian Employee, your **latest Personnel Evaluation** and your **latest SF-50**; and,
- If a current or recently discharged or retired military member, your **latest Officer Evaluation Report (OER), Enlisted Evaluation Report (EER) or equivalent, and a copy of your DD Form 214.**

What to Expect Next

- The court will conduct an evaluation of each applicant's qualifications and materials after receipt of a complete application package.
- Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews may commence immediately.
- The court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, to withdraw the job announcement, and/or to commence interviews immediately, any of which actions may occur without prior written or other notice.
- This is an "Excepted Appointment" and an "At Will" position. Federal Government Civil Service classifications or regulations do not apply.
- All appointments are subject to a full background check including an FBI Fingerprint Background Check, as well as periodic reinvestigation.
- If offered employment, such employment will be provisional pending the satisfactory completion of a mandatory Fingerprint and Background Investigation. The provisional nature of your employment, however, will not affect your start date, salary, or other benefits.
- No phone calls please. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.
- The United States Court of Federal Claims is an Equal Opportunity Employer.