



SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

WASHOE COUNTY
STATE OF NEVADA

Law Clerk

\$101,067.20/annual

Plus a comprehensive benefits package

How to Apply

A complete application packet will consist of the following:

- District Court Application [HERE](#)
- Cover Letter
- Resume, including class rank
- Law School Transcript
- Writing Sample
- 3 Professional References

We do not accept resumes in lieu of the District Court Application

Email application packet to:

Julie Wise
775-325-6623
Julie.Wise@washoecourts.us

or mail to:

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Second Judicial District Court
Human Resources
Department
75 Court Street, Rm 220A
Reno, Nevada 89501



The Second Judicial District Court is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

Announcement Date: June 6, 2025

Department Assignment: The District Court is accepting applications for future law clerk vacancies. Applicants may be asked to fill a position in either the General Jurisdiction or Family Division.

Assignment Period: Position commences August 2025, ending in August 2026. The successful candidate will have the option to apply and be considered for the August 2026– August 2027 clerkship year.

Interested applicants should apply online at <http://www.washoecourts.com>.

THE DISTRICT COURT

The Second Judicial District Court covers all communities within Washoe County and is part of the judicial branch of government. The District Court occupies two courthouses located in downtown Reno. The General Jurisdiction's historic courthouse proudly displays a copper dome lined with magnificent stained glass. The Family Division is located in a multi-court complex. Its footprint lines the banks of the Truckee River.

The Second Judicial District Court is a collaborative partner within Washoe County. Community outreach initiatives and public access to justice are on the forefront of the Court's mission. The District Court team is dynamic, boasts a wide range of expertise, and appreciates diversity.

Washoe County is a vibrant community. With world renowned Lake Tahoe nearby, residents enjoy its beauty all year long. The City of Reno offers all the benefits of a city while maintaining its small-town atmosphere. Washoe County is truly a great place to live.

Learn more about how you can join our team!

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Under direction, law clerks provide assistance to the judge(s) of the District Court by performing duties such as researching legal issues before the Court and preparing written summaries of findings. Specific duties and responsibilities may vary depending upon the assigned department, division, and office.

Law Clerks are at-will employees, and the work is performed under the supervision of the District Court Judge.

Major duties include:

- Reviews, studies, researches and annotates laws, court decisions, documents, opinions, briefs, and related legal authorities.
- Prepares briefs, legal memoranda, and statement of issues involved, including appropriate suggestions or recommendations to the judge, and/or proposed orders to written civil and criminal motions after researching and analyzing argument and legal issues.
- Compiles references on laws and decisions necessary for legal determinations.
- Conducts comprehensive research and studies of legal issues for the court.
- Attends court sessions to hear oral arguments, evidentiary hearings, and jury and non-jury trials.
- Advises staff on proper procedural changes, assist with completing legal forms, and documents.
- Conducts special projects as assigned.
- Assists Court personnel with a variety of tasks and duties as assigned including preparation for trials, settlement conferences, and other proceedings; provides administrative assistance as needed.

Knowledge of:

- Pertinent federal, state, and local laws, codes, and regulations
- Legal practices and precedents of the assigned area
- Principles of criminal, civil, constitutional, family, juvenile and administrative law
- Judicial procedures and the rules of evidence
- Practices, methods, and materials of legal research
- Procedures, documents, and terminology used in court cases
- Personal computers and software, Microsoft Office suite and Adobe Acrobat office products

Ability to:

- Assume responsibility for an assigned area of legal research
- Interpret, explain, and apply the policies, procedures, laws, codes, and regulations pertaining to assigned programs and functions

- Be licensed or a member of a state bar
- Learn the procedures and functions of the assigned position
- Learn the operations, services, and activities of the assigned Department
- Learn to interpret, explain, and apply the policies, procedures, laws, codes, and regulations pertaining to assigned programs and functions
- Research, analyze, and apply legal principles, facts, evidence, and precedents to legal problems
- Analyze and appraise a variety of legal documents and instruments
- Present statements of fact and law clearly and logically in written and oral form
- Deal tactfully and courteously with others
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing
- Maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work
- Use and navigate Westlaw
- Operate modern office equipment including computer

Minimum qualifications:

- Graduation from an accredited law school
- Excellent analytical and writing skills
- One year of increasingly responsible experience in legal research and writing which may include law review, mock trial, clinic, or clerkship/legal workplace experience or one year of experience as a Law Clerk