



United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit

Bankruptcy Judgeship Opportunity Western District of Washington - Seattle

The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit invites applications from highly qualified candidates for the position of Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Washington. This position will be available in January 2011; however the selection process may take up to 10 months to complete. The candidate selected will maintain chambers in Seattle, Washington.

The term of office is 14 years with a possible renewal appointment subject to applicable reappointment procedures. The current salary is \$160,080 per annum. No relocation expenses are payable.

The Court of Appeals uses an open and competitive selection process. All applications are screened by a local Merit Screening Committee which selects a limited number of applicants for interview. The committee also contacts references of the interviewees. From the initial group of interviewees, a small number of applicants is referred for further interview by a committee of Circuit Judges which then submits a recommendation to the Court of Appeals. The Court's nominated applicants will undergo FBI and IRS background investigations prior to appointment.

Basic qualifications for consideration include: (1) admission to practice before the highest court of at least one state or the District of Columbia or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; (2) membership in good standing in every bar in which membership is held; and (3) at least five years of legal practice experience (certain other legal experience may be substituted). Applicants are considered without regard to their race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation

Application forms and more information may be obtained by contacting the address and/or telephone/fax numbers listed below. The application may also be downloaded from our website at www.ce9.uscourts.gov. Applicants are advised to allow for sufficient time to complete and submit the application. **Applications must be in the format required by the Ninth Circuit and received by 5 p.m., Thursday, August 5, 2010.**

All letters of reference (optional) must be submitted with the original application.

Application forms may also be obtained by contacting:

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**Deadline for receipt of all completed application materials:
Thursday, August 5, 2010, 5 p.m.**

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