

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS**  
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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TO: Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges  
District and Bankruptcy Judges of the Eleventh Circuit  
District and Bankruptcy Court Clerks of the Eleventh Circuit  
Bankruptcy Administrators of the Eleventh Circuit  
Lawyers Advisory Committee Members in Florida  
Presidents and Executive Directors of State and Local Bar  
Organizations in Florida  
Administrative Office of the United States Courts Judicial Services  
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FROM: James P. Gerstenlauer 

SUBJECT: **Availability of Bankruptcy Judgeships in the Middle District of  
Florida at Orlando and Jacksonville**

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Attached is a public notice concerning the availability of two bankruptcy judgeship positions in the Middle District of Florida, one in Orlando\* and one in Jacksonville.

We are forwarding the notice throughout the federal judiciary and to federal, state, and local bar organizations. We ask you to assist us in circulating this announcement and in recruiting qualified applicants, including women, members of minority groups, and individuals with disabilities.

Thank you.

Attachment

\* This is a new judgeship in the Middle District of Florida. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 152(b)(1), the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Council has recommended to the Judicial Conference of the United States (JCUS) that the official duty station for this judgeship be set as Orlando, Florida. However, a final decision by the JCUS is not expected before March 2021.

## **Availability of Bankruptcy Judgeship Positions in the Middle District of Florida at Orlando and Jacksonville**

The United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit seeks applications from all highly qualified candidates for a fourteen-year appointment as United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Middle District of Florida. The Court is seeking applications for two positions, one in Orlando\* and one in Jacksonville. The basic jurisdiction of a bankruptcy judge is specified in Title 28, United States Code and explained in Title 11, United States Code, as well as in 98 Stat. 344, Pub. L. 98 353, Title I, §120.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must –

- (a) Be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of at least one state, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and a member in good standing of every other bar of which the applicant is a member.
- (b) (1) Possess, and have a reputation for, integrity and good character; (2) possess, and have demonstrated, a commitment to equal justice under the law; (3) possess, and have demonstrated, outstanding legal ability and competence; (4) indicate by demeanor, character, and personality that the applicant would exhibit judicial temperament if appointed; and (5) be of sound physical and mental health sufficient to perform the essential duties of the office.
- (c) Not be related by blood or marriage to (1) a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit; (2) a member of the Judicial Council of the Eleventh Circuit; or (3) a judge of the district court to be served, within the degrees specified in section 458 of Title 28, United States Code, at the time of the initial appointment.
- (d) Have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years. The Judicial Council may consider other suitable legal experience as a substitute for the active practice of law.

The selection process will be confidential and competitive. The current annual salary is \$199,088. Persons shall be considered without regard to race, color, sex, gender, gender identity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, or disability. The individual selected must comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 92 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified as amended at 5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111).

If you are interested in applying, please submit an original unbound completed application to James P. Gerstenlauer, Circuit Executive, 56 Forsyth Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Application forms are available on the Court's Website at [www.ca11.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov). Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees to the Circuit Executive's Office and must be received by **1 February 2021**. Submission of a completed application will be considered verification of willingness to serve if selected. Emailed and faxed copies of applications will not be accepted. **Please include a cover letter indicating whether you wish to be considered for both open positions or for only one position.** If you wish to be considered for both positions, only one application is necessary.

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