

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT  
STAFF ATTORNEYS' OFFICE**

**Temporary Legal Intern**

**Job Announcement:** #26-13

**Position Type:** Full-time, Temporary.  
This position will be limited to 89 days maximum and cannot exceed Sept. 30, 2026.  
[More than one vacancy may be filled.]

**Location:** Staff Attorneys' Office  
John J. Moakley U.S. Courthouse, Boston, MA

**Salary:** CL 23/1 - 23/25 (\$45,695 - \$57,150 per annum, or \$21.97 - \$27.48 per hour)  
Depending on qualifications and experience

**Closing Date:** **June 14, 2026**  
\* Applications may be considered on a rolling basis and the position may be filled prior to the Closing Date.

**Organization:** The Staff Attorneys' Office provides assistance to the Court through legal research and the preparation of memoranda. The United States Courts for the First Circuit include the Court of Appeals, which is the court of review for decisions of the district courts within the First Circuit, including the Districts of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Puerto Rico. The Court of Appeals also reviews decisions of federal administrative agencies, the United States Tax Court, and the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

**Responsibilities:** The incumbent will conduct legal research and draft memoranda and other documents, review and update internal procedures, and assist with additional legal projects as assigned. This is a temporary position that will not exceed Sept. 30, 2026.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must be current JD candidates who are at the 2L or 3L level by the time the internship begins. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are required. Excellent legal research skills, including proficiency with Westlaw, are essential. Candidates must be self-motivated, proactive, able to work effectively in both a team environment and without close supervision, and possess excellent attention to detail.

**Special Notice:** The Staff Attorneys' Office is a hybrid work environment. The selected candidate will be required to report to the Moakley Courthouse during the new hire training period. Teleworking one or more days a week may be allowed after the selected candidate is fully trained.

**Benefits:** Due to the temporary nature of the appointment, benefits are limited to sick leave.

**Background Check:** The successful candidate is subject to a background check or investigation, which includes an FBI fingerprint check, as a condition of employment. Employee retention depends upon a favorable suitability determination.

**How to Apply:** Applicants must submit the following:

- Cover letter and resume addressing qualifications and relevant experience;
- Law school transcript;
- One self-edited writing sample;
- Three professional references with names and telephone numbers of persons who may be contacted during the selection process; and
- Completed Application for Federal Judicial Branch Employment (AO-78) available at the Court's website: [AO\\_078-08-2024.pdf](#)

Completed applications should be submitted on or before **June 14, 2026**, to:

Senior Staff Attorney  
Staff Attorneys' Office  
John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse  
1 Courthouse Way, Suite 5402  
Boston, MA 02210

Applications will also be accepted via email, in **pdf format only**, to: [sjobs@ca1.uscourts.gov](mailto:sjobs@ca1.uscourts.gov)

**Note:** Applications that do not include all requested information will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered.

**Additional Conditions of Employment:**

An applicant must be a United States citizen or permanently eligible to work in the United States. The Federal Financial Management Reform Act requires direct deposit of federal wages. All court employees are required to adhere to a Code of Conduct. Successful completion of a six-month probationary period is required. Court of Appeals employees are "at will" employees and serve at the pleasure of the Court. The Court will only communicate with those qualified individuals who will be invited for an interview. The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, or to withdraw the announcement, either of which may occur without prior written or other notice. If a subsequent vacancy of the same or similar characteristics to this position becomes available within a reasonable time of the original announcement, the Court may elect to select a candidate from the original qualified applicant pool.

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