

PAST LAW CLERKS

“Serving as a law clerk for the Texas Supreme Court gives you unparalleled insight into the inner workings and decisions of our state's highest civil court. You get to work under the wings of some of our state's all-time greatest jurists and public servants, and you will often find yourself a witness to history. The experience has inspired (and prepared) many former clerks, like me, to answer the public service calling ourselves.”

*Justice Bob Pemberton, 3rd Court of Appeals-Austin
Harvard; law clerk, 1992-1993*



“By working as a law clerk with the Supreme Court of Texas I have had the opportunity to be a part of every facet of the judicial process — from the time a petition is submitted to the Court to the time an opinion is issued to the public. My time with the Court has been a great learning experience and has prepared me well as I continue with my legal career.”

*Tamara Stiner Toomer, McGuire Woods, Houston
Virginia; law clerk, 2003-2004*

“Serving as a law clerk at the Supreme Court of Texas has given me an invaluable understanding of the judicial process. I have particularly come to appreciate how diligence or oversight at the trial level can create or prevent appealable issues. And working with nine of the finest legal minds in the country has been both a tremendous learning experience and a true honor.”

*Elliot Gardner, Wolf Law Firm LLC, New Brunswick, N.J.
Cardozo; law clerk, 2004-2005*



“By reading and sorting through the briefs that came to the Court, during conferences with the judge and through discussions with my colleagues in other offices, I began to understand what distinguishes a great from an adequate appellate argument. The experience helped me become a more effective advocate as a staff attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and I continue to draw on the experience today in my role as law professor.”

*Leticia Saucedo, law professor, UC-Davis
Harvard; law clerk, 1996-1997*

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YOUR INVITATION FOR A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY.

The Supreme Court of Texas is accepting applications for 2014-2015 law clerk positions. Each justice hires two law clerks for a one-year term that begins in mid-August. Applications are open to all students who will have graduated by the beginning of the law clerkship as well as to licensed attorneys. Strong preference is given to candidates with outstanding academic records and demonstrated writing ability.

Each law clerk assists his or her judge with legal research, studying petitions for review, preparation for oral argument, and researching and drafting opinions. The Supreme Court of Texas has discretionary review and hears civil cases only. **Almost exclusively among appellate courts, the Court permits law clerks to sit in conference during its deliberations.** Law clerks may be asked to make oral presentations or answer questions about the law or the facts during conference.

Applicants must submit a separate application (cover letter, résumé, unofficial law-school transcript, writing sample, and two letters of recommendation) to each justice to whom he or she wishes to apply. Letters of recommendation may be sent separately.

Chief Justice Jefferson and Justices Willett, Guzman, Lehrmann and Devine prefer paper applications. To apply to those justices, please mail a **separate application to each justice** at Supreme Court of Texas, P.O. Box 12248, Austin, Texas 78711. Justices Hecht, Green, Johnson, and Boyd prefer electronic applications. Send your application materials in separate PDF attachments to the email address that corresponds to the justice to whom you are applying: HechtApps@txcourts.gov; GreenApps@txcourts.gov; JohnsonApps@txcourts.gov; and BoydApps@txcourts.gov. The subject line of the email should contain your name and “Law Clerk Application 2014-2015.”

The Court does not follow the Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan. No application deadline exists and applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Law clerks have been hired from leading schools throughout the United States.

The Supreme Court of Texas is an equal opportunity employer. No applicant will be refused employment because of race, color, ethnic background, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, or any similar consideration. The annual salary for a law clerk is approximately \$50,000.

For questions about the application process, please contact Martha Newton at 512.463.6645 or martha.newton@txcourts.gov.