

Clerkship and Internship Information for Judge John P. Howard III

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CLERKSHIPS

Judge Howard has concluded hiring for terms through 2024–2025. Applications for 2025-2026 and future terms are welcome. Judge Howard will participate in the [Court Opportunity Recruitment for All \(CORA\)](https://www.dccourts.gov/court-of-appeals/judges/clerkships) application system. Please check <https://www.dccourts.gov/court-of-appeals/judges/clerkships> for updates.

INTERNSHIPS

Judge Howard accepts applications from law students for unpaid judicial internships for the fall, spring, and summer terms. Judge Howard has concluded hiring for Spring 2024 interns. Judge Howard is now accepting Summer 2024 internship applications from current 1L and 2L law students. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis starting on December 18. Applications submitted before December 18 will not be considered until that date.

Interns will work primarily under the supervision of Judge Howard’s law clerks. As an intern, your tasks may include, but are not limited to, evaluating cases before the court, conducting legal research, attending team meetings, and assisting in preparation for oral arguments. Internships are unpaid, but chambers staff will coordinate with students who have funding through fellowship programs, public interest scholarship programs, or other outside sources to meet any program requirements. Applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited J.D. or L.L.M. program.

Judge Howard is interested in candidates with diverse backgrounds and experiences. He values and welcomes applications from members of communities that have been traditionally underrepresented in the legal profession. Candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript (unofficial is acceptable), writing sample, and two references. In your cover letter, please address (1) any valuable skills, perspectives, or experiences you may bring to your work as an intern, (2) if you are pursuing the internship for academic credit and any requirements for you to receive credit, and (3) any start or end dates or date ranges you are available. If you do not have grades available when you apply, please note so in your cover letter and, when grades become available, send an updated transcript to the email address below. For your writing sample, please include a cover sheet explaining the extent to which you received feedback or edits from anyone.

Applications for Summer 2024 may be emailed to HowardJAA@dcappeals.gov in the subject line format “Summer 2024 Internship Application [First and Last Name].” Email is preferred, but applications may also be mailed to the attention of Ms. Sandra Strawder, Judge Howard’s Judicial Administrative Assistant:

Attn: Ms. Sandra Strawder
Chambers of Judge Howard
District of Columbia Court of Appeals
430 E Street NW, Suite 306
Washington, D.C. 20001

For applications for Summer 2024 and beyond, please visit the [National Center for State Courts](#) for more information and to apply on CORA.