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Judge Easterly's Hiring Notice for the 2026–27 Term

Judge Easterly will review applications for the 2026-2027 term from law graduates and third-year law students on a rolling basis, beginning in March 2025. Consistent with the amended federal law clerk hiring plan, she accepts applications from other law students only at the end of their second year; she begins reviewing these applications in late May/early June. Second-year students may submit an application before spring grades are released, but they must supplement their application packet once an updated transcript is available.

Judge Easterly employs three law clerks to assist her in chambers. Clerks have one-year terms which begin between late August and early September.

Judge Easterly is particularly interested in candidates with employment experience prior to or after law school, and candidates who are planning to pursue a public interest or government service legal career.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, official law school transcript, writing sample, and three letters of recommendation, including at least one from a supervisor in an employment setting (which can include summer or clinical work). Applicants' cover letters should specifically address their interest in clerking on the D.C. Court of Appeals. Applicants must submit their materials in a single PDF file to easterlyclerkship@dcapeals.gov. The subject line of the application email should be in the following format: Last Name, First Name Clerkship Application. Recommenders may transmit their letters separately.

Please feel free to email or call chambers with any questions.