Clerkship and Internship Information for Judge John P. Howard III

Judge Howard has completed hiring for the 2023–2024 term. He employs two law clerks, who usually serve a one-year term starting in late August or early September. Judge Howard reviews applications from law graduates and third-year law students on a rolling basis. Although the D.C. Court of Appeals is not formally covered by the federal clerkship hiring plan, Judge Howard adheres to the same timeline in accepting applications. Chambers 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 Howard is interested in candidates with diverse backgrounds and experiences, including prior clerkship and work experience. Candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, writing sample, and three letters of recommendation.

Please email your application materials to sstrawder@dcappeals.gov. Although email is preferred, 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
Washington, D.C. 20001

Letters of recommendation may be submitted separately, if necessary, to the email or mailing address listed above. If you have any questions, please contact the chambers of Judge Howard at 202-879-2771.

INTERNSHIPS

Judge Howard accepts applications from law students for unpaid judicial internships for the Fall, Spring, and Summer terms. Candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript (unofficial acceptable), writing sample, and two recommendations or references. Please be sure to note if you are pursuing the internship for academic credit and any requirements for you to receive credit. You should transmit your application to sstrawder@dcappeals.gov. Although email is preferred, applications may also be mailed to:

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