

**District of Columbia Court of Appeals  
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Washington, DC 20001**

Chambers of Associate Judge Vijay Shanker  
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Judge Shanker employs three law clerks to assist him in chambers. Clerkship terms are for one year and typically begin in late August or early September. The judge welcomes applicants with diverse backgrounds, employment experience before or after law school, and an interest in government service or public interest work.

Judge Shanker has completed hiring through the 2026-2027 term and will begin accepting applications for the 2027-2028 term and thereafter in May 2025.

Judge Shanker accepts applications from law school graduates and third-year law students on a rolling basis. Consistent with the Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan, he will not review applications from second-year students/rising third-year students before the date specified in the Hiring Plan. Second-year students may submit applications before spring grades are released, but should supplement their application packets once updated transcripts become available.

Clerkship applicants should submit a cover letter; a resume; a law school transcript; a list of three references; and a writing sample, not to exceed 15 pages, representing the applicant's own work unedited by others. These materials should be sent as a single PDF file to ShankerClerkship@dcaappeals.gov. Applicants should also arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to the same email address.

Please note: Judicial law clerks are eligible to begin at Grade 11 of the Judiciary Salary Plan Pay Rates. Clerks with 0–365 days of post-J.D. legal experience are eligible to be hired at Grade 11, Step 1. Additional post-J.D. legal experience may qualify clerks to start at a higher step within Grade 11; law clerks who start at the court with less than 12 months of post-J.D. experience will be eligible to receive a step increase once their combined post-J.D. experience reaches 12 months. Please note that D.C. Courts law clerks currently do not advance grades based on post-J.D. legal experience. For a link to the pay scale, please visit: <https://www.dccourts.gov/court-of-appeals/judges/clerkships>

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please email ShankerClerkship@dcaappeals.gov.