United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit

Bankruptcy Judgeship Opportunity
Western District of Washington - Tacoma/Seattle

The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit invites applications from highly qualified candidates for the position of Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Washington. The official duty station for this position is Tacoma, Washington; however, the appointee will be assigned cases in both the Seattle and Tacoma divisions as the needs of the district require.

The term of office is 14 years with a possible renewal appointment subject to reappointment procedures. The current salary is $160,080 per annum. No relocation expenses are payable. The position is available January 6, 2010, however it can typically take up to ten months to fill a judgeship.

The Court of Appeals uses an open and competitive selection process. All applications are screened by a Merit Screening Committee which selects a limited number of applicants for interview and contacts their references. From the initial group of interviewees, selected applicants will be referred for further interview by a committee of circuit judges which then submits a recommendation of nomination to the Court of Appeals. The nominated applicant will be required to satisfy FBI and IRS background investigations prior to appointment.

Basic qualifications for consideration include: (1) admission to practice before the highest court of at least one state, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; (2) membership in good standing in every bar in which membership is held; and (3) at least five years of legal practice experience (certain other legal experience may be substituted). Applicants are considered without regard to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

Application forms and more information may be obtained by contacting the address and/or telephone/fax numbers listed below. The application may also be downloaded from our website at *www.ce9.uscourts.gov*. Applicants are advised to allow for sufficient time to complete and submit the application. **Applications must be in the format required by the Ninth Circuit with adequate copies received by 5 p.m., Friday, October 2, 2009.**

Application forms may also be obtained by contacting:

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Deadline for receipt of all completed application materials: Friday, October 2, 2009, 5 p.m.

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