



## UNITED STATES FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE COURT

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**Announcement Number:** 26-FISC-02

**Position Title:** LEGAL ADVISOR

**Grade/Salary Range:** JSP-16 (\$198,534 - \$209,600)  
*(Starting salary commensurate with work experience, qualifications, and prior pay history)*

**Position Location:** Washington, DC

**Position Information:** Full-time, Permanent, Excepted Service

**Area of Consideration:** Open to all qualified sources.

**Open Date:** June 8, 2026

**Closing Date:** Open Until Filled (Preference given to applications received by July 10, 2026)

**How to Apply:** To be considered for this “at will” position, applicants are required to submit the following:

- A cover letter detailing how your experience relates to the position requirements
- [AO-78, Federal Judicial Branch Application for Employment](#) (can be downloaded from [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov))
- A resume detailing all relevant experience, education, and skills
- Writing sample, not to exceed ten pages

Applications may be mailed or hand delivered to:

United States District Court  
Attn: Human Resources (26-FISC-02)  
333 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 2712  
Washington, DC 20001

Or via e-mail to: [DCD\\_HumanResources@dcd.uscourts.gov](mailto:DCD_HumanResources@dcd.uscourts.gov)

If applying by email, a single attachment in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format in one email message should be organized as follows: (1) Cover Letter, (2) AO-78, (3) Resume and (4) Writing Sample.

Failure to submit a complete and signed cover letter, AO-78, resume, and writing sample will result in immediate disqualification. Description of Work section of the AO-78 must be complete to include salary information. Indicating “see resume” is not acceptable. Incomplete and/or unsigned applications will not be considered, returned or retained. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted and must travel at their own expense. One application per candidate will be accepted for this announcement.

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## **OVERVIEW:**

The United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court seeks to hire a Legal Advisor to assist the Judges of the Court in considering applications presented by the U.S. government for authority to conduct electronic surveillance, physical search or other forms of intelligence gathering pursuant to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. The Legal Advisors advise Judges on legal issues presented in applications or otherwise before the Court.

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## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

The Court invites applications from attorneys with at least eight years of legal work experience, including at least one year equivalent to work at the JSP-15 (or the GS-15) level. The Court is particularly interested in applicants with expertise in intelligence law, constitutional law, privacy or communications technology and the law. Experience as a clerk to a federal judge is preferred. To be considered, an applicant must be a licensed attorney and a member in good standing of the bar of at least one jurisdiction. Currently or previously holding a security clearance at the Top Secret/SCI level is preferred.

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## **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:**

Full-time employees of the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court are eligible for a full range of benefits to include:

- A minimum of 11 paid holidays per year

- Paid annual leave in the amount of 13 days per year for the first three years, 20 days per year after three years, and 26 days per year after fifteen years
- Paid sick leave in the amount of 13 days per year
- Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS)
- Optional participation in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP), Federal Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP), the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI), the Flexible Benefits Program, the Commuter Benefit Program, and SmartBenefits (mass transit subsidy up to \$340 per month)
- Employee Recognition Program, budget permitting
- Workers' Compensation Program
- On-site physical fitness facility
- Flexible work schedule
- Federal Occupational Health Services Program (FOH)/ On-site Health Unit
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)/Work Life Services
- Virtual Learning through the Judiciary Online University
- Student Loan Forgiveness for Public Service Employees
- Priority enrollment for children beginning at three months of age until kindergarten of all employees of the United States Courts in the Thurgood Marshall Child Development Center (TMCDC)

*For more detailed information about Federal Judiciary benefits, please go to [www.uscourts.gov/careers/benefits](http://www.uscourts.gov/careers/benefits).*

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## **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

United States citizenship is required for consideration for this position.

Because of the access to classified materials and information, a Top Secret/SCI clearance is required for this position. Preference will be given to applicants with a current and active Top Secret/SCI clearance. The selected candidate will also undergo a background check.

Employees of the United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court are excepted service appointments. Excepted service appointments are "at will" and can be terminated with or without cause by the court.

Employees are required to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees](#).

Employees are required to use Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) for payroll deposit.

Selection will be made consistent with the provisions of the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan adopted by the United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the District of Columbia.

The Court reserves the right to modify the conditions of this announcement.