

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Anchorage (Paid position)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, Office of Counsel, located in Anchorage, Alaska, is looking for a law clerk for Summer 2021. The successful candidate will have a minimum 3.00 GPA, excellent research and writing skills, and an interest in public service. Applicants must have completed two years of law school prior to starting the position. The selected law clerk will be scheduled to work a minimum of eight 40-hour weeks, between May and August 2021 with the exact start and end dates to be negotiated. The student selected for this position will serve as GS-9, Step 1, Student Trainee (Legal), with a salary of approximately \$4,900.00 per month.

Surrounded by the picturesque Chugach and Alaska Ranges, Anchorage is Alaska's largest city with approximately 300,000 people. Our office is located on Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, which is close to downtown Anchorage. Anchorage is well known for its long, cool summer days during which hiking, bicycling, kayaking, and fishing are within an easy driving distance after work and on the weekends. The Alaska District Office of Counsel is a busy office with six attorneys and three paralegals who advise and support the District Commander (O-6) and over 400 employees. The law clerk selected for this position will primarily assist attorneys in a diverse array of practice areas such as environmental and regulatory law, government contracts, real estate, fiscal law, and employment law. Previous interns have been selected from across the country and many began their careers as Civilian Honors Attorneys in various USACE Districts.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is an engineer formation of the United States Army. While we execute Army missions, USACE is comprised mainly of Civilians. Worldwide the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has approximately 37,000 dedicated Civilians and Soldiers delivering engineering services to customers in more than 130 countries. With environmental sustainability as a guiding principle, our disciplined Corps team works diligently to strengthen our Nation's security by building and maintaining America's infrastructure and providing military facilities where our servicemembers train, work, and live. We also research and develop technology for our war fighters while protecting America's interests abroad and use our engineering expertise to promote stability and improve quality of life for all people. We support the economy by maintaining America's waterways to which is crucial to the movement of critical commodities and providing recreation opportunities at our campgrounds, lakes and marinas. The Corps is also cleaning sites contaminated with hazardous, toxic or radioactive waste and material in an effort to sustain the environment.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

To apply email a PDF binder containing your resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Ms. Amanda Kranz, Assistant District Counsel, at Amanda.L.Kranz@usace.army.mil. Resumes must include the applicant's law school GPA and may be up to two pages in order to detail all relevant experience. ***Cover letters must describe the applicant's interest in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, federal agency practice, leadership, or public service.*** Applications that do not meet these requirements will not be considered. The application period will close January 15, 2021. If you have any questions concerning the duties of this position, please contact Amanda Kranz by email or at 907-753-5763.

Important Note: The student hired must be present in-person in Anchorage, Alaska throughout the internship. Limited telework may be available after the student receives initial in-person training.

The student hired for this position will be ultimately responsible for providing their own housing and transportation. As the office is on a military installation, there is no public transportation to the office; however, many Alaska District employees commute via bicycle and Anchorage has a robust public transportation system. The Office of Counsel will be happy to make recommendations and assist with the law clerk's transition to Anchorage.

COVID-19 Mitigation: The Alaska District complies with all COVID-19 requirements. As of the date of this posting, all employees are required to wear masks when they are in common areas or unable to social distance. The student hired will have their own closed-door office which exceeds the social distancing requirement. Contact Amanda Kranz for more information regarding the District's COVID mitigation plan.

POSITION DETAILS:

Official title, series, and grade: Student Trainee (Legal), GS-0999-09. The full performance level of this position is GS-09. This is not a developmental assignment or position. This is a temporary position expected to last no longer than 120 days. There is no potential for conversion to a permanent appointment in the competitive service.

Duty Location: Elmendorf AFB, AK

Salary Range: \$59,165 - 76,915 per annum, plus an additional 2.86% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

Positions to be filled: 1

Minimum Qualifications: This intern position is designed to prepare a student trainee for employment after graduation as a Law Clerk / Attorney. Applicants must have completed at least two (2) years of graduate level education, or a Master's degree or equivalent graduate degree. For qualification purposes, an academic year is computed as follows: An academic year of graduate education is considered to be the number of credit hours that the school attended has determined to represent 1 academic year of full-time study. This determination is made based on normal course loads for a full year of study in the graduate program. If that information cannot be obtained from the school, 18 semester hours or 27 quarter hours should be considered as satisfying the 1 year of full-time study requirement. Part-time graduate education is creditable in accordance with its relationship to a year of full-time study at the school attended. When academic credit is expressed in contract months, units, or other terms that differ from conventional semester or quarter hours, it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide an interpretation of such credits from the appropriate institution in order to equate them to the semester or quarter hours specified in the standard.

Competencies considered by the selection committee: Written Communication, Technical Legal Expertise, and Oral Advocacy