

NOW HIRING!



The Clackamas County District Attorney's Office

MAY 2025 - MAY 2026 2L CLERK POSITIONS OPEN

If you wake up every morning with a desire to “do the right thing” and make a difference in someone’s life, exploring a career in prosecution as a Certified Law Clerk at the Clackamas County District Attorney’s (CCDA) office is exactly where you should be.

Working in the DA’s office is more of a calling than a job. It’s the impact you make every day on the lives of the people of Oregon that drive people to become prosecutors. Law school is only the beginning.

WHAT OUR PROGRAM OFFERS

Here's what the CCDA Law Clerk Program (LPC) provides that you won't learn in a classroom:

1. **Hands-on Learning:** You will learn the nuances of working within the justice system efficiently and professionally as you represent the entire office. You will have opportunities to review and charge real criminal cases, complete legal research and writing projects, and assist experienced prosecutors prepare for trial. At the end of your 2L year, you will automatically transition into the Certified Law Clerk role, where you will manage your own caseload and make court appearances.
2. **Mentorship From Highly Skilled Deputy District Attorneys:** We support you at every step along the journey. You’ll have access to, and be mentored by, some of the best, brightest and most seasoned prosecutors in the State of Oregon. Our environment is not sink or swim. You will have true and trusted mentors who will guide you throughout your experience as a clerk.
3. **Skill Development:** You will receive a crash course in what it looks like to be a full-time prosecutor firsthand through the excitement and complexity of everything from preparing witnesses for trial, jury selection and trial presentation to help the jury make an informed and just decision.
4. **Meaningful Career Exploration:** You will have the opportunity to explore a public service career in the criminal justice system all while gaining real world work experience.



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We embrace and insist on diversity including ethnic, cultural, gender, age, sexual orientation, religious, disability and diversity of ideas and viewpoints. Our ability to serve our community requires varied perspectives and insights. We invite you to bring your ideas and life experiences and apply those to the work of the DA's office.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

- This office distinguishes itself from others by allowing each DDA and Law Clerk the autonomy to do what's right, while offering the support, collaboration with peers and resources needed to get the job done.
- With over 400,000 citizens and 1800 square miles that include Oregon's tallest mountain and its second largest river, this County has it all!
- We have one of the highest retention rates because people like working and living in Clackamas County. It's not just a job, it's a lifelong career.
- Each DDA and Law Clerk is always advocating for what is ethically, morally, and legally right.

COMPETITIVE PAY

2L Law Clerks wage is \$19.76/hr.

In addition to competitive wages, Clackamas County District Attorney's Office offers each Clerk robust hands on training opportunities that prepare you for a successful carrier in the legal field.

If you are up to the challenge of this clerking in a prosecutors' office and want to make Clackamas County a better, safer place to live, then apply now.



REQUIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be actively in a Law Degree program and completed 1L year
- Must plan on obtaining certification to become a Certified Law Student at the end of 2L year
- Must pass pre-employment:
 - Reference Check
 - Background Check - including national or state fingerprint records check and CJIS certification
 - Drug Screening

**For Veterans qualified for Veteran's Preference: If you believe you have skills that would transfer well to this position and/or special qualifications that relate to this position, please list those skills and/or qualifications in your submission materials and explain how those skills and/or qualifications relate to this position*

HOW TO APPLY

Email the following in one PDF attachment in this order:

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Law school transcript (official or unofficial)
4. Clackamas County DA's Office Application (attached below)

Candidates selected for an interview will be asked to fill out a detailed Statement of Personal History that will be used to conduct a background check.

Send complete 2L Law Student Application materials to: BGolden@clackamas.us

Contact Us:

Bill Golden
Senior Deputy District Attorney
BGolden@clackamas.us

CCDA Website:



<https://www.clackamas.us/da>





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Personal History – Information requested for required records check.

List Your current name (last, first, middle) and all names you have used in the past. Include dates and circumstances of any change.	Date of Birth (month, day, year) / /	Eyes	Hair
	Place of Birth (City and State)		
	Social Security Number / /	Height	Weight
	Driver's License Number, Expiration Date, and State Issued		

Yes No - Are you a U.S. Citizen? If your answer is "No", provide a copy of naturalization documents such as a green card and accompanying documentation.

Home Address	Home Phone () -
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Work Address	Work Phone () -
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Date Available for Work

Yes No – Have you or any immediate family member been arrested for or convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or major traffic offense, whether as an adult or juvenile? If "Yes", please describe on a separate page the general circumstances for the arrest(s). "Immediate family" is defined to include parents, spouse, spouse equivalent, brother, sister, child(ren), grandparents, and any individual where the relationship is close or intimate. An answer of "Yes" will not automatically disqualify an applicant.

Yes No – Have you ever been the subject of a disciplinary inquiry as a student, as a member of a professional association or as an employee? If "Yes", please describe on a separate page the general circumstances of the disciplinary inquiry; identify the tribunal (with reference number) and the resolution.
An answer of "Yes" will not automatically disqualify an applicant.

Yes No – Have you ever been dismissed or asked to resign from any employment or other position?
If "Yes", please describe on a separate page the general circumstances of the dismissal or resignation.
An answer of "Yes" will not automatically disqualify an applicant.

Yes No – Have you ever been arrested or charged with any moving violation or traffic related crime? If Yes, please describe on a separate page the general circumstances for each incident.

Yes No – Have you ever been arrested or charged with any non-traffic related violation or crime? If Yes, please describe on a separate page the general circumstances for each incident.

Important: This form is required of all applicants for consideration of employment with the District Attorney's Office. Disclose all the history of convictions and arrests. This includes felonies and misdemeanors. If you fail to list any part of your conviction or arrest history, including but not limited to omission, intentional falsification or any failure to disclose for any reason, your application for employment may be disqualified. If you gain employment and it is later found that you failed to disclose a criminal conviction or arrest for any reason as part of making an application for employment, your employment may be terminated at any time.

Serious traffic offenses such as “Reckless Driving,” “Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants” (DUI), “Criminal Driving While Suspended,” “Failing to Perform the Duties of a Driver” or “Attempting to Elude a Police Officer” must be listed if it resulted in a conviction.

If you have a history that you believe is “expunged” or removed from your record, but you do not have documentation that it was removed, you should list it. A conviction or arrest is not removed from your record until you complete the formal process to have it removed.

Convictions and arrests are evaluated for each position and the existence of a criminal record is not necessarily disqualifying. Your disclosure may be verified- A Criminal History Records Check may be conducted on any applicant under consideration for employment with the District Attorney’s Office. If your disclosure of criminal convictions or arrests is incomplete or false you may be denied employment consideration.

Educational History – List High School, and College information

High School (City, State)	Major/Minor Field(s) of Study	Diploma Received?
College/University/Vocational School (City, State)	Major/Minor Field(s) of Study	Degree/Certification Received or Credit Hours Earned
College/University/Vocational School (City, State)	Major/Minor Field(s) of Study	Degree/Certification Received or Credit Hours Earned

Application for Employment Clackamas County Deputy District Attorney

Employment History - List current and last five employers, including the dates of employment.

EMPLOYER		FROM (month/year) /
ADDRESS		TO: (month/year) /
YOUR JOB TITLE		LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT
FULL-TIME <input type="checkbox"/>	PART-TIME <input type="checkbox"/>	HOURS PER WEEK (if varied, indicate average)
REASON FOR LEAVING		LAST SALARY (OPTIONAL)
SUPERVISOR'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER		May we contact this employer? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMPLOYER		FROM (month/year) /
ADDRESS		TO: (month/year) /
YOUR JOB TITLE		LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT
FULL-TIME <input type="checkbox"/>	PART-TIME <input type="checkbox"/>	HOURS PER WEEK (if varied, indicate average)
REASON FOR LEAVING		LAST SALARY (OPTIONAL)
SUPERVISOR'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER		May we contact this employer? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMPLOYER		FROM (month/year) /
ADDRESS		TO: (month/year) /
YOUR JOB TITLE		LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT
FULL-TIME <input type="checkbox"/>	PART-TIME <input type="checkbox"/>	HOURS PER WEEK (if varied, indicate average)
REASON FOR LEAVING		LAST SALARY (OPTIONAL)
SUPERVISOR'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER		May we contact this employer? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMPLOYER		FROM (month/year) /
ADDRESS		TO: (month/year) /
YOUR JOB TITLE		LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT

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FULL-TIME <input type="checkbox"/>	PART-TIME <input type="checkbox"/>	HOURS PER WEEK (if varied, indicate average)	LAST SALARY (OPTIONAL)
REASON FOR LEAVING			
SUPERVISOR'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER			May we contact this employer? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMPLOYER	FROM (month/year) /
ADDRESS	TO: (month/year) /
YOUR JOB TITLE	LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT
FULL-TIME <input type="checkbox"/>	PART-TIME <input type="checkbox"/>
HOURS PER WEEK (if varied, indicate average)	
LAST SALARY (OPTIONAL)	
REASON FOR LEAVING	
SUPERVISOR'S NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER	
May we contact this employer? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Authorization

I authorize the Clackamas County District Attorney's Office to inquire into my background with regard to my character and qualifications. I specifically authorize Clackamas County to conduct a thorough criminal record check on me, to contact my former employers for references, and any and all other persons or organizations for any information bearing on my qualifications for employment. I request and authorize all persons and organizations to furnish the information requested.

I understand that a post offer drug screen may be a condition of employment. As part of the final reference check, I agree to have a drug test and to authorize the result of that test to be released to the Clackamas County District Attorney.

Further, my signature affirms that I release from liability any employer, person or employee supplying reference information regarding me and my previous employment. I also release Clackamas county from all liability which may result from investigating information provided in the application materials.

I hereby certify that all statements made in my application are true and complete, and I understand that falsification or misrepresentation may result in disqualification from employment consideration and/or termination of employment.

Signature of Applicant

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