

Judge Bough begins taking clerkship applications every January. To apply, law school students should have at least three semesters of grades on their transcript. Judge Bough requires candidates to submit the following: resume; cover letter; writing sample; two recommendations (which can be submitted separately/later); and unofficial transcript. Clerkship applications can either be emailed to Judge Bough at stephen_bough@mow.uscourts.gov, or sent via traditional first class mail. Judge Bough typically hires term law clerks for a two-year clerkship. Currently, Judge Bough's next opening is for a term law clerk position beginning in August 2026.