



# Superior Court Announces Law Fellowship Program

The Superior Court is pleased to announce its new Law Fellowship Program. We seek to fill two or more Fellowship positions. The goal of the Fellowship Program is to provide entry-level or junior attorneys opportunities to develop legal research and writing skills and gain valuable knowledge and experience in a broad range of civil and criminal matters by assisting the Justices of the Superior Court. The Fellowship is also intended to serve as a potential pathway for outstanding Fellows to seek permanent positions as Research Attorneys for the Superior Court.

**About Us.** The Superior Court, established in 1859, adjudicates the state's most serious criminal cases, including first-degree murder cases, and most significant civil cases, i.e., civil actions over \$50,000. Superior Court jurisdiction also includes actions for equitable and/or injunctive relief, and actions for judicial review of certain administrative proceedings. The Court's 82 Justices sit in 20 courthouses in all 14 state counties, and are assisted by over 30 Research Attorneys. For more information, see <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/superior-court>.

**Duties.** Among other duties, Fellows will assist the Justices of the Superior Court by performing legal research and writing assignments, which may include legal research memoranda, bench memoranda, and draft decisions. Duties of the position encompass every aspect of court procedure and all the legal issues within the Superior Court's civil and criminal jurisdiction. Fellows will work under the supervision and guidance of the Chief Justice, the Associate Justices, and the Manager of Legal

Research Services. Fellows will be based in Boston, Springfield, or other courthouse location, but must be willing and able to travel to all courthouses throughout the state.

**Qualifications.** The Superior Court invites Fellowship applications from graduating law students and recent graduates generally with less than two years of post-law school experience. We seek candidates with excellent legal research, writing, analytical, and communication skills who can work independently, maintain high productivity, and produce quality work product. Preferred qualifications include substantial legal research and writing experience, including current or prior judicial

clerkship or internship experience; membership in the Massachusetts Bar or intent to apply for membership; and demonstrated commitment to government or public service, particularly within the Judicial branch. Judicial clerkship experience is defined as paid full-time post-graduate employment as a law clerk for a court or judge.

**Additional Information.** Fellows will serve a term of approximately one year, starting as soon as possible and continuing through August 2024, at an annual salary of \$68,160.34. Employee benefits include, but are not limited to, subsidized health, dental, and vision insurance, ten days of paid vacation time, and three days of paid personal time. The Superior Court has implemented a hybrid office/remote work policy under the Trial Court's remote work pilot program. Fellows may have the opportunity to apply for a second-year term or promotion to a permanent Research Attorney position.

## TO APPLY

For more information and to apply, click on this [Trial Court Jobs Page](#) or browse to:

<https://tinyurl.com/lawfellow23>

Application deadline is Wednesday, **May 31, 2023**, but interested candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.