



# United States Courts for the Ninth Circuit

## Bankruptcy Judgeship Opportunity District of Montana – Butte

The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit invites applications from highly qualified candidates for the position of Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Montana. This position will be available on or after January 31, 2017. The selection process may take up to 10 months to complete. The official duty station for this position is in Butte, MT. The appointee will be required to hold regular calendars in Missoula, Billings, Great Falls, and other locations in the district as needed.

The term of office is 14 years with a possible renewal appointment subject to reappointment procedures. The current salary is \$186,852 per annum. Relocation expenses are not reimbursable.

The Court of Appeals uses an open and competitive selection process. All applications are screened by a Merit Screening Committee, which selects a limited number of applicants for interview and contacts their references. From the initial group of interviewees, selected applicants will be referred for further interview by a Judicial Council committee, which then submits a recommendation of nomination to the Court of Appeals. The selected nominee will be required to satisfy FBI and IRS background investigations prior to appointment as well as comply with the financial disclosure requirements pursuant to the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, Pub. L. No. 95-521, 92 Stat. 1824 (1978) (codified as amended at 5 U.S.C. app. §§ 101-111).

Basic qualifications for consideration include: (1) admission to practice before the highest court of at least one state, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; (2) membership in good standing in every bar in which membership is held; and (3) at least five years of legal practice experience (certain other legal experience may be substituted). Applicants are considered without regard to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

Application forms and more information may be obtained by contacting the address and/or telephone/fax numbers listed below. The Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Judge Application may also be downloaded from our website at [www.ca9.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov). *Applicants are advised to allow for sufficient time to complete and submit the application.* **One completed and signed original (and one copy) must be sent to the Office of the Circuit Executive. One scanned version of the completed application must be uploaded to the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Judge Application System (<https://judgeship.ce9.uscourts.gov>).** Applications must be in the format required by the Ninth Circuit and received by 5 p.m., Thursday, April 14, 2016.

To be considered, letters of reference (though optional) must be submitted with the original (and one copy) application and must be uploaded with the scanned application.

Application forms may also be obtained by contacting:

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**Deadline for receipt of all completed application materials:**

**Thursday, April 14, 2016, 5 p.m.**

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