

**CIRCUIT COURT LAW CLERK
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Unified Judicial System
Deadwood, South Dakota**

Requisition #: J26-05

Salary: \$70,741.44/annually

Closing Date: May 30, 2025

Position Purpose: This position performs professional legal work by conducting legal research, communicating with Judges regarding relevant points of law pertaining to legal issues before the court, and drafting legal documents and decisions to assist Judges of the Unified Judicial System (UJS). The term is for a one-year period (August 9, 2026 to August 8, 2027). Duties may include:

- performing legal work on pending cases and motions filed before courts in a circuit by providing pertinent research and documentation to assist Judges with case preparation;
- assisting with implementation of court processes and maintenance of systems and documentation;
- performing other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications: Graduation from an accredited law school and possession of a Juris Doctorate. No experience is required.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

Knowledge of:

- the law and South Dakota law;
- the functions of the circuit court;
- the court system;
- the legal and judicial system as a whole.

Ability to:

- conduct effective research and make informed recommendations and decisions;
- locate sources of legal information;
- compose legal documents;
- maintain confidentiality of any discussions or written communications with Judges involving assigned legal work;
- communicate complex legal ideas and information effectively both orally and in writing;
- establish effective working relationships with a variety of people.

To Apply: Submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to:

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