PAST LAW CLERKS

"Serving as a law clerk for the Texas Supreme Court gives you unparalleled insight into the inner workings and decisions of our state's highest civil court. You get to work under the wings of some of our state's all-time greatest jurists and public servants, and you will often find yourself a witness to history. The experience has inspired (and prepared) many former clerks, like me, to answer the public-service calling ourselves."

***Justice Bob Pemberton**, retired justice, Third Court of Appeals-Austin*

"By working as a law clerk with the Supreme Court of Texas I have had the opportunity to be a part of every facet of the judicial process — from the time a petition is submitted to the Court to the time an opinion is issued to the public. My time with the Court has been a great learning experience and has prepared me well as I continue with my legal career."

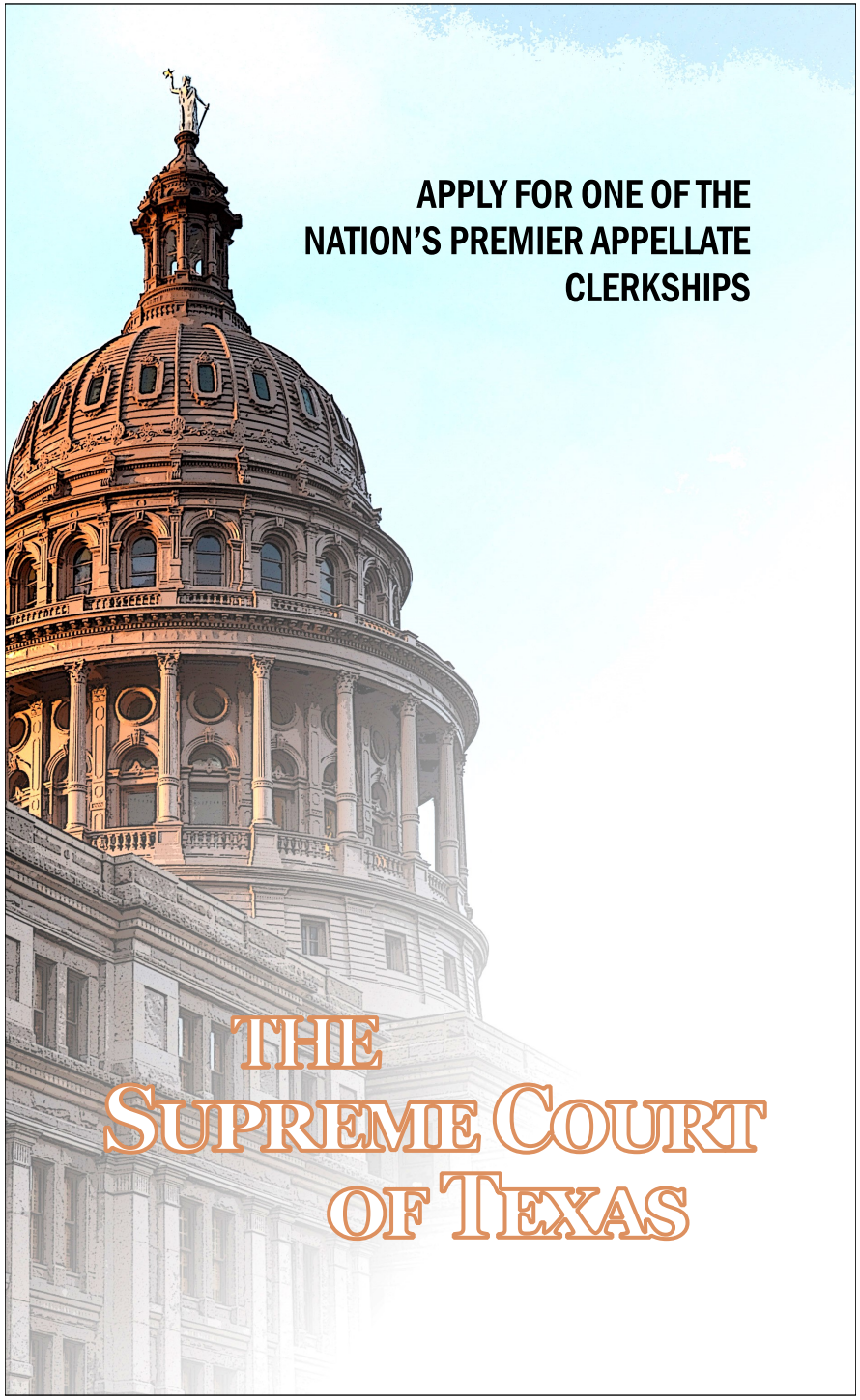
***Tamara Stiner Toomer**, Houston Virginia; law clerk, 2003-2004*

"Clerking was an incredible opportunity to learn and gain invaluable insight into the Court's decision-making process by observing how the justices analyzed and debated challenging and complex legal issues during conference. Law clerks have unique exposure to a broad variety of subjects over the course of the year, providing a firm base upon which to build their legal careers."

***Jennifer Wu**, Baker Botts L.L.P., Austin Pennsylvania; law clerk, 2012-2013*

"By reading and sorting through the briefs that came to the Court, during conferences with the judge and through discussions with my colleagues in other offices, I began to understand what distinguishes a great from an adequate appellate argument. The experience helped me become a more effective advocate as a staff attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and I continue to draw on the experience today in my role as law professor."

***Leticia Saucedo**, law professor, UC-Davis Harvard; law clerk, 1996-1997*



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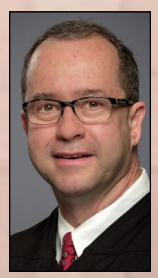
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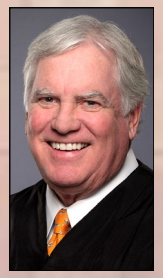
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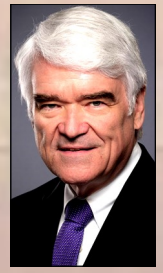
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Law clerks assist justices they work for with legal research, studying petitions for review, preparation for oral argument, and researching and drafting opinions. The Texas Supreme Court has discretionary review and hears civil cases only. **Almost exclusively among state supreme courts, the Court permits law clerks to sit in conference during its deliberations.**

Applicants must submit a **separate** application (cover letter, résumé, unofficial law-school transcript, writing sample, and two letters of recommendation) to each justice to whom they want to apply. Applications must be sent by email with a subject line including your name, "Law Clerk Application" and the clerkship year for which you are applying. Send your application materials in separate PDF attachments to the email address that corresponds to the justice to whom you are applying: If Chief Justice Hecht, then send to HechtApps@txcourts.gov and, if to other justices, then to GreenApps@txcourts.gov; GuzmanApps@txcourts.gov; LehrmannApps@txcourts.gov; BoydApps@txcourts.gov; DevineApps@txcourts.gov; BrownApps@txcourts.gov; BlacklockApps@txcourts.gov; or BusbyApps@txcourts.gov.
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Recommendation letters may be emailed separately and may be sent directly from the recommender or the school. A State of Texas employment application is not required.

No application deadline exists. Each position remains open until filled. No applicant will be refused employment because of race, color, ethnic background, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age or any similar consideration. The annual salary for a law clerk is $56,375.

Direct questions to Jaclyn Daumerie at (512) 463-1353 or by email. The Court does not comment on an application's status.