

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, *3rd Court of Appeals-Austin*
Harvard; law clerk, 1992-1993



“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, *editor-in-chief, The Houston Lawyer*
Virginia; law clerk, 2003-2004

“Serving as a law clerk at the Supreme Court of Texas has given me an invaluable understanding of the judicial process. I have particularly come to appreciate how diligence or oversight at the trial level can create or prevent appealable issues. And working with nine of the finest legal minds in the country has been both a tremendous learning experience and a true honor.”

Elliot Gardner, *Wolf Law Firm LLC, New Brunswick, N.J.*
Cardozo; law clerk, 2004-2005



“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

**APPLY FOR ONE OF THE NATION'S
PREMIER APPELLATE CLERKSHIPS**

**THE
SUPREME COURT
OF TEXAS**





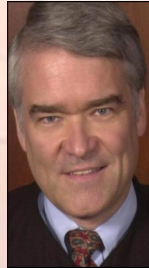
Guzman



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Medina



Hecht



Jefferson



Wainwright



Green



Willett



Lehrmann

YOUR INVITATION FOR A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY.

Applications will be accepted by the nine members of the Texas Supreme Court for one-year law-clerk positions beginning in mid-August 2012. Justices hire two law clerks for one-year terms, although a few two-year positions may be available. Applications are open to all candidates who will have graduated by summer 2012. Strong preference is given to candidates with outstanding academic records and demonstrated writing ability. Individual justices may require their law clerks to sit for the Texas bar examination in July 2012.

Each law clerk assists his or her judge with general legal research, studying petitions for review, preparation for oral argument, and researching and drafting opinions. Unlike most appellate courts, the Texas Supreme Court has discretionary review only of civil cases and **almost exclusively among appellate courts permits law clerks to sit in conference for its deliberations**. Law clerks may be asked to make oral presentations or answer questions about the law or the facts during conference.

A cover letter, résumé, law-school transcript and writing sample must be provided. Most justices also require two to three letters of recommendation, preferably included in the application materials. The application materials may be sent via the Symplicity application service, may be e-mailed to SCClerkApp@courts.state.tx.us (preferably in PDF form), or may be mailed directly to individual justices at P.O. Box 12248, Austin, Texas 78711. Materials sent electronically will be available for review by all justices, but applicants who wish to apply electronically and to specific justices may send those justices a cover letter by U.S. mail altering them that they have applied electronically. Applicants should not send duplicate applications on paper and electronic form.

The Court has hired law clerks from every Texas law school and from many leading out-of-state schools, including Berkeley (Boalt Hall), Cardozo, Chicago, Columbia, Duke, George Washington, Georgetown, Harvard, Michigan, Minnesota, New York University, Northwestern, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Virginia and Yale. Justices will make an effort to schedule several interviews for out-of-town students on the same date.

The Texas Supreme Court is an equal opportunity employer. No applicant will be refused employment because of race, color, ethnic background, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age, or any other similar consideration. The annual salary for these positions will be at least \$50,000. The Court generally follows the Federal Judges' Law Clerk Hiring Plan, though justices will accept applications before September 6, 2011. Interviews will generally be scheduled no earlier than mid-September 2011. Most justices hire their law clerks by mid-October.