



**UNITED STATES TAX COURT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

<b>Position Title/Series:</b>	<b>Special Trial Judge</b>
<b>Announcement Number:</b>	<b>21-03</b>
<b>Position Type:</b>	<b>Full-Time</b>
<b>Positions:</b>	<b>One or more positions will be filled from this announcement.</b>
<b>Opening Date:</b>	<b>April 1, 2021</b>
<b>Closing Date:</b>	<b>May 5, 2021</b>
<b>Annual Salary Range:</b>	<b>AD-0905 -- \$196,740</b>
<b>Area of Consideration:</b>	<b>All Sources, All U.S. Citizens May Apply (This is an Excepted Service, at-will position)</b>
<b>Duty Station:</b>	<b>Washington, D.C.</b>
<b>Supervisory:</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**INTRODUCTION**

The United States Tax Court is accepting applications for the position of Special Trial Judge. The mission of the United States Tax Court is to provide a national forum for the expeditious resolution of disputes between taxpayers and the Internal Revenue Service; for careful consideration of the merits of each case; and to ensure a uniform interpretation of the Internal Revenue Code. The Court is committed to providing taxpayers, most of whom are self-represented, with a reasonable opportunity to appear before the Court, with as little inconvenience and expense as is practicable. The Court is also committed to providing an accessible judicial forum with simplified procedures for resolving disputes.

## **DUTIES**

In accordance with I.R.C. section 7443A, Special Trial Judges may be assigned cases involving tax deficiencies of \$50,000 or less and any collection due process, declaratory judgment, employment classification, whistleblower award, or other cases designated by the Chief Judge. The duties of a Special Trial Judge are wide-ranging, demanding and include:

- Conducting remote or in-person proceedings involving taxpayers throughout the United States;
- Concluding actions through written opinion, order, settlement, or other disposition;
- Overseeing the handling of motions in the general docket and preparing orders and opinions disposing of those motions;
- Assisting Presidentially-appointed Judges in the disposition of procedural matters;
- Independently managing caseloads and chambers effectively with the assistance of chambers staff;
- Serving as a mediator in matters pending before the Court;
- Participating in standing or *ad hoc* committees as assigned by the Chief Judge;
- Performing duties as assigned by the Chief Judge; and
- Representing the Court at a variety of speaking engagements.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must:

- Be admitted to practice before and be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of any State, the District of Columbia, or any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States;
- Have a minimum of five years' Federal tax experience (a) before the Tax Court or other Federal courts or (b) in the private sector, public sector, or academia;
- Be competent to perform all duties of the office; be of good moral character; be patient and courteous; and be committed to equal justice under the law; and
- Not be related to a Judge of the Tax Court (see 28 U.S.C. section 458).

## **BENEFITS**

Salary is only part of the total compensation package offered. The Tax Court offers employees a

diverse group of benefit programs and family friendly flexibilities. These include:

- Insurance – Health, dental, vision, life, and long-term care
- Flexible spending, health care reimbursement, and dependent care reimbursement accounts
- Participation in a qualifying retirement system and the Thrift Savings Plan
- Moving expenses (subject to limitations)

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A selection panel shall review applications, conduct interviews, and recommend the best-qualified candidates to the Chief Judge. The Tax Court will make the appointment following an appropriate suitability determination including background, credit, Federal income tax, and criminal checks. A background reinvestigation or supplemental investigation may also be required. All applications and the panel deliberations shall remain confidential.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

The Tax Court seeks a diverse applicant pool that reflects the community it serves, and encourages all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups, to apply. All applicants must electronically submit a resume to include all relevant employment history, along with a cover letter describing both personal and professional attributes that exemplify superior qualifications for this position. These documents must be in Adobe Acrobat PDF format and e-mailed to [humanresources@ustaxcourt.gov](mailto:humanresources@ustaxcourt.gov). **Application materials are due by 11:59 PM (ET) on the closing date of this vacancy announcement.**

*The United States Tax Court is an equal opportunity employer.*