The Tenth Chancery Court District (currently Forrest, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River and Perry Counties) seek applicants for a Staff Attorney. Effective January 1, 2027, the Tenth Chancery Court District will be comprised of Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, and Walthall Counties.

Characteristics of Work

This is professional work involving the performance of legal research for a judge/chancellor or a combination of judges/chancellors in the trial court of Mississippi. There will be more than one position in this category listed at numerous locations across the state. Work entails reviewing case files for proper legal procedure, admissibility of evidence, and merits of the case. The staff attorney exercises initiative and judgment in the conduct of all duties performed. Supervision is received from a judge/chancellor of a combination thereof. The staff attorney must be proficient with computerized legal research, i.e., WestLaw, Lexis, etc. Supervision is received from a judge /chancellor or any combination thereof at the trial court level in the Mississippi Court System although the staff attorney would be an employee of the Administrative Office of Courts.

The Administrative Office of Courts will evaluate the chosen applicant before hiring to determine whether he/she meets the minimum requirements.

Examples of Work

The following are examples of work performed for positions in this job class and are not intended to reflect the essential functions of any one position. The essential functions of each individual position are determined and maintained by each judge/chancellor or combination thereof.

- Reviews records of cases presented to the Court in order to present appropriate legal interpretations and opinions;
- Evaluates pertinent facts and evidence, to interpret and apply statutes and regulations in the analysis of pleadings;
- Prepared memoranda summarizing the facts of each case reviewed;
- Reviews pretrial motions and summary judgement;
- Drafts orders and writs; and
- Related or similar duties are performed as required or assigned.

Minimum Requirements:

Level III:

The staff attorney must have a juris doctor from an American Bar Association (ABA) accredited school of law. The staff attorney must have been licensed for at least fifteen (15) years and have been employed either as a law clerk, staff attorney, or other equivalent legal position for those fifteen (15) years.

Level II:

The staff attorney must have a juris doctor from an American Bar Association (ABA) accredited school of law. The staff attorney must have been licensed for at least ten (10) years and have been employed either as a law clerk, staff attorney, or other equivalent legal position for those ten (10) years.

Level I:

The staff attorney must have a juris doctor from an American Bar Association (ABA) accredited school of law. The staff attorney must have been licensed for at least five (5) years and have been employed either as a law clerk, staff attorney, or other equivalent legal position for those five (5) years.

Applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Lisa Stringer (lstringer@marioncountyms.gov) by Monday, November 18, 2026.