

# STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT  
300 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
Web site: [www.courts.ca.gov/careers](http://www.courts.ca.gov/careers)

**JOB TITLE:** Appellate Court Attorney – Justice John Wiley’s Chambers

**LOCATION:** Downtown Los Angeles

**JOB ID#:** 6187

**Closing Date:** Open till filled  
**OVERVIEW**

I need help deciding appeals and crafting opinions. I have an opening for a law clerk, to start March 2024 or thereafter.

Our goal here at the California Court of Appeal is to achieve the ideal of equal justice under law. We aim to inspire the public with the excellence of California’s justice system. The work is important, extremely varied, and fascinating: in our state court system, the jurisdiction is general, and we encounter just about every imaginable human conflict, in practically every legal setting. Each case is a new story, or maybe two, or many.

The work is phenomenal preparation for nearly any career. Some find it to be a career they love and want forever.

One of the most appealing aspects is that your client is the cause of justice itself. We aim to decide every case according to the rules laid down before the dispute arose and to do so impartially, with some wisdom salted in. This work offers unbelievable satisfaction. Sometimes it receives national attention. (See Sharkey, *The Irresistible Simplicity of Preventing Harm*, 16 Journal of Tort Law 143 (2023).)

You would work directly with me, as well as with a small, supportive, friendly, fun, talented, and non-hierarchical group of colleagues.

You must have excellent academic credentials, as well as residence in the state and actual or imminent membership in the California bar. Your main work will be research and writing, although there are some administrative tasks as well. Organizational proficiency is vital because you must keep track of a lot of moving parts. Professional experience is wonderful but inessential. You have got to love to write.

## QUALIFICATIONS

**Level A:** Active membership in the State Bar of California.

**Level B:** Active membership in the State Bar of California and the equivalent of two years of post-bar legal experience in a legal setting such as a private law practice, corporation, government agency, law school, court, or legal publishing company.

OR

to two years of post-bar legal experience in a legal setting as described above, including one year of experience as an appellate attorney, Level A, with the judicial branch

**Level C:** Active membership in the State Bar of California and the equivalent of three years of post-bar legal experience in a legal setting such as a private law practice, corporation, government agency, law school, court, or legal publishing company.

OR

One year of experience as an appellate attorney, Level B, with the judicial branch.

**Level D:** Active membership in the State Bar of California and the equivalent of four years of post-bar legal experience in a legal setting such as a private law practice, corporation, government agency, law school, court, or legal publishing company.

OR

One year of experience as an appellate attorney, Level C, with the judicial branch.

## HOW TO APPLY

To complete an online application, search for Job ID# 6187 at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/careers>

The following items are required.

- Completed online application
- Cover letter
- Resume
- Writing Sample

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## PAY & BENEFITS:

**Level A:** \$6,490

**Level B:** \$7,853 to \$9,975 per month  
(Starting salary will be between \$7,853 to \$8,638 per month)

**Level C:** \$8,632 to \$10,972 per month  
(Starting salary will be between \$8,632 to \$9,495 per month)

**Level D:** \$9,936 to \$13,261 per month  
(Starting salary will vary between \$9,936 to \$10,930 per month)

Some highlights of our benefits package include:

- Health/Dental/Vision benefits
- 14 paid holidays per calendar year
- 1 personal holiday per year
- Choice of annual leave or sick/vacation leave
- Up to \$130 per month reimbursement for qualifying commuting costs
- CalPERS Retirement Plan
- 401K and 457 deferred compensation plans
- Employee Assistance Program
- Basic Life and AD&D Insurance
- FlexElect Program
- Long Term Disability
- Long Term Care
- Group Legal Plan

**The Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**