



## POSITION RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT CIRCUIT EXECUTIVE FIFTH CIRCUIT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

### **Duties**

The Circuit Executive is appointed by the Judicial Council of the Fifth Circuit pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 332(e). The Circuit Executive exercises administrative powers and performs duties delegated by the Council, under the general supervision of the Chief Judge. Representative duties include:

- Provides full staff support and policy development to all activities of the Council and its Committees, including preparing the Council's meeting agenda and minutes.
- Administers and coordinates all non-judicial activities of the Court of Appeals, including human resources, property control, special events and projects, security, budget and finance, judges' furniture and furnishings, training, meeting arrangements, and emergency preparedness.
- Plans and executes all facets of the Judicial Conference of the Fifth Circuit.
- Conducts studies relating to the business of the courts within the circuit and prepares findings for the Council, the Chief Judge, and other parties.
- Manages the Judiciary's circuit-wide space and facilities program in a three-state area including providing accommodations, architectural services, space planning, and interior design services, working closely with the General Services Administration.
- Directs the information technology program and resources of the Court of Appeals and provides staff support circuit-wide in the courts' wide area network.
- Performs other duties assigned by the Council as outlined at 28 U.S.C. § 332(e).

Consult [www.ca5.uscourts.gov](http://www.ca5.uscourts.gov) for an itemized listing of the office's responsibilities.

### **Qualifications**

Applicants must possess a minimum of 10 years progressively responsible administrative experience in public service or business which provided a thorough understanding of organizational, procedural, and human aspects in managing an organization. At least five years' experience must have been in a position of substantial management responsibility.

- Undergraduate degree from a college or university of recognized standing.
- Graduate degree in administration, law, or other applicable field strongly preferred.
- Training or senior-level experience in administration.
- Substantial experience in court administration, preferably at the federal level.
- Understanding of the infrastructure, organization, and system of governance in the federal court system.
- Knowledge of information technology networks and their application in a decentralized court environment.
- Strong analytical and statistical skills.
- Polished written and oral communication skills; strong interpersonal skills.
- Creativity and initiative.
- Ability to undertake recurring overnight travel.
- Commitment to the betterment of judicial administration in times of fiscal restraint.

<b>Salary</b>	Level IV, Executive Schedule, adjusted for locality, not to exceed the salary of a U.S. District Judge, presently <b>\$174,000</b> per annum.
<b>Conditions of Employment</b>	U.S. citizenship required, or must meet requirements under current law. Positions with the U.S. Courts are excepted service appointments, or “ <i>at will</i> ,” and the Circuit Executive serves at the pleasure of the Judicial Council. The initial appointment is provisional and contingent upon satisfactory completion of a background investigation. Direct deposit of pay required.
<b>Benefits</b>	Although not civil service employees, federal court employees share in most of the federal fringe benefit programs, including paid leave, holidays, health insurance, life insurance, federal retirement, long-term care insurance, vision and dental insurance, and the Thrift Savings Plan (similar to a 401K plan). Relocation reimbursement may be available in some instances.
<b>Apply to</b>	Submit resume and salary history in confidence to: Circuit Executive Merit Selection Committee c/o Mr. Gregory A. Nussel, Circuit Executive U.S. Courts, Fifth Judicial Circuit 600 Camp Street, Room 100 New Orleans, LA 70130
<b>Application Deadline</b>	Applications must be received by <b>May 10, 2013</b> . The Chief Judge will appoint a merit selection committee composed of federal judges from the three-state circuit to review resumes, conduct interviews, and recommend finalist candidate(s) to the Judicial Council which makes the selection. The incumbent Circuit Executive will retire September 3, 2013. The Council anticipates the new Circuit Executive will enter on duty in August 2013 and overlap briefly with the incumbent.
<b>Fifth Circuit Profile</b>	<p>The Fifth Circuit is composed of the States of Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi and represents the second largest circuit (both in case filings and authorized personnel) in the federal system. The Circuit Executive’s office, created by statute in 1971, has authorized staffing of 29 positions of which 23 are encumbered.</p> <p>The Court of Appeals, headquartered in New Orleans, has 17 authorized judgeships and 8 senior judges. Nine judicial districts comprise the Fifth Circuit and include 83 active district judges, 30 senior district judges, 28 bankruptcy judges, and 68 magistrate judges. Total authorized judges and judicial support staff number 3,919 circuit-wide.</p>

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