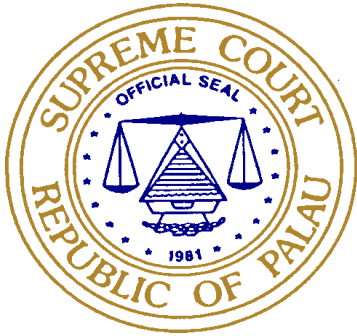




VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

October 15, 2025

Court Counsel Positions at the
Republic of Palau Supreme Court

The Republic of Palau, a tropical island nation in Micronesia, renowned for its unspoiled natural beauty and unique marine life, is seeking applicants for the Court Counsel positions at the Republic's Supreme Court for the upcoming 2026-2027 term. Court Counsel are analogous to federal law clerks in the United States. They are primarily responsible for assisting the Justices and Judges with cases that come before the appellate and trial courts. Routine duties include, *inter alia*, conducting legal research, preparing bench memos, drafting proposed orders and opinions, observing trials and oral arguments, and proofreading court orders and opinions as directed.

Court Counsel positions are for a one-year term with an option to renew for another year. Start dates may be available in both the summer and fall of 2026. Interviews will commence in March 2026 via Zoom.

Court Counsel shall receive a yearly salary of approximately \$43,000 (USD), paid vacation, and paid sick leave pursuant to their contract. The Court will provide round-trip basic economy transportation, housing, and, depending upon the availability of funds and at the discretion of the Chief Justice, a moderate sum to cover the cost of shipment of household goods. Unlike other judicial clerkships, this position offers participants the chance to travel far from home, experience life in a unique culture, and study the complex interplay between custom, tradition, and the law.

Prior judicial clerkship experience is preferred. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, contact information for two references, and a writing sample. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications early. The deadline for application is **December 31, 2025, 11:59 p.m. EST**. Send your application via e-mail or by First Class U.S. mail (the rate is the same as to any U.S. state) to the attention of:

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