



FOREIGN CLERKSHIPS AT THE SUPREME COURT OF ISRAEL

OVERVIEW:

The Supreme Court of Israel is the highest court in Israel. It sits as the High Court of Justice, with original jurisdiction to hear petitions for judicial review against the legislative and executive branches, and also functions as the top appellate court, hearing both "appeals as of right" and "appeals with leave" in criminal, civil and administrative matters. The Court often refers to comparative jurisprudence in its decisions.

The Supreme Court runs a successful and very competitive program for foreign law clerks. Over the years, the Court has enjoyed hosting clerks from all over the globe.

OPPORTUNITIES:

Accredited lawyers and excellent law students (with preference given to those who are at least in their second year) are invited to apply for clerkship with a Supreme Court Justice. Foreign law clerks must be able to commit to a minimum period of three months. Longer clerkships are also available.

Foreign law clerks at the Supreme Court are assigned to a specific Justice and typically research comparative legal issues and draft memoranda regarding legal questions which arise in pending cases.

Foreign clerks will likely find themselves engaging in several different areas of law such as public international law, criminal law, civil law and constitutional law. Foreign law clerks conduct their assignments in English and knowledge of Hebrew is not required (although it is helpful). Knowledge of other languages is an advantage.

The Foreign Clerkship program is voluntary and non-remunerative. Candidates need to make their own financial arrangements for their travel, stay and living expenses. It is worth mentioning that foreign law clerks have occasionally been able to receive funding from various grant awarding bodies available in their own countries.



APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications must include the following:

- 1 A cover letter clearly indicating the period(s) during which the applicant would like to clerk at the court;
- 2 An up-to-date CV (resume);
- 3 Law school transcript;
- 4 At least two recommendation letters, preferably one from a law professor;
- 5 A short legal writing sample.


Applications may be sent during four periods every year:

- 15 February – 15 March;
- 15 May – 15 June;
- 15 August – 15 September;
- 15 November – 15 December.

Applications will be reviewed and processed within 45 days of the final day of each application period. As part of the selection process, candidates may be contacted by individual chambers for a phone or Skype interview. Successful candidates will be contacted in writing by a specific chambers with an offer. At the end of the selection procedure all applicants will be notified of their status.

We recommend that applications be sent at least 5 months prior to the period(s) you wish to clerk at the Court.

Successful candidates may need to provide further information and documentation to the Court, and acceptance to the position is subject to security clearance and to the receipt of the appropriate permit (visa) from the Israeli Ministry of Interior.



Please send your application documents during one of the four periods stated above, via email, to:
jobs@court.gov.il

The subject line of the email should state:
"Foreign Law Clerk Application – [Full name of the applicant]"

For further information please see the Israeli Supreme Court's website:

<https://supreme.court.gov.il/sites/en/Pages/staffing.aspx>

