

# **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

## **Position: 2025 Fall Semester Judicial Intern for the Honorable Derek J. Baker**

Judge Baker sits in Philadelphia for the Pennsylvania Eastern District Bankruptcy Court. He is seeking a judicial intern for the Fall semester of 2025. The internship offers law students the opportunity to observe federal court proceedings and to learn about the judicial side of the bankruptcy process. Interns will be expected to provide legal research and writing assistance to the Judge, including tasks like preparing bench memoranda, drafting orders, and reviewing case filings.

### **Qualifications**

This position is open only to law school students in their second or third year. For consideration, candidates must have excellent academic credentials (top 20% class rank) and well-developed legal research and writing skills. The ideal candidate will have journal experience and have taken, or will be concurrently taking, a bankruptcy or other statutory-based course (e.g. secured transactions). Preference will be given to students who express a strong interest in bankruptcy or pursuing a clerkship after graduation. As a member of judicial chambers, interpersonal skills, maturity, and discretion are required.

Judge Baker holds hearings in Philadelphia on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Interns must work in-person in chambers at least one of these days each week. Ideally, interns are available on Wednesdays for at least a partial day in chambers. Judge Baker expects a commitment of at least twelve (12) hours each week, allowing for some remote hours. Some law schools place certain hours requirements on students seeking academic credit or work study funds for their externship; please describe any such requirements in your cover letter.

### **How to Apply**

Email the following in PDF format to [Chambers\\_of\\_Judge\\_Derek\\_Baker@paeb.uscourts.gov](mailto:Chambers_of_Judge_Derek_Baker@paeb.uscourts.gov)

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Writing Sample (note to what degree it has been edited by others)
- Current Law School Transcript

Applications must be received by May 31, 2025, and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. If selected for an interview, applicants may be asked to provide professional and academic references. Letters of recommendation are not required.