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**Law Clerk Hiring Information**  
**Valerie Caproni, United States District Judge**

**Chambers Contact Information**

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**Positions:** Judge Caproni employs three law clerks: one 1-year clerk and two 2-year clerks. She is accepting applications for: (1) a one-year clerkship starting in Fall 2026; (2) a two-year clerkship starting in late Summer or early Fall 2027; and (3) a one-year clerkship starting in Fall 2027. Please indicate the position(s) for which you wish to be considered in your cover letter.

*Note: If you previously applied for a two-year clerkship scheduled to start in 2026, Judge Caproni will consider your application for the one-year clerkship starting in 2026. You do not need to re-apply.*

**Eligibility:** Judge Caproni follows the Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan. Applicants must have at least four semesters of law school grades at the time they apply.

Judge Caproni does not have hard cut-offs for grades, but she strongly prefers applicants who rank in the top 10 percent of their law school class. Judge Caproni prefers applicants who will obtain some post-graduate work experience before clerking, but she will also consider applicants who would begin immediately after graduation.

**Application Process:** Applicants should apply **by email only** to the address above by **January 30, 2026**. Emails should include the applicant's name, law school, and the word "Clerkship" in the subject line. Judge Caproni does not accept applications via OSCAR, and applicants should not send applications by postal mail. Interviews will be held in **February or March 2026**.

**Application Materials:** Applications should include a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, undergraduate transcript, one writing sample, and three letters of recommendation. All application materials (other than letters of recommendation) should be combined into a single PDF. Applicants should indicate whether their writing samples have been edited by others. Writing samples should not exceed 15 double-spaced pages and must consist solely of the applicant's own work (*i.e.*, not co-authored work or work written with generative AI).

Letters of recommendation may be submitted separately by email to the address above. The subject line should contain the applicant's full name and should indicate that the email contains a letter of recommendation.