



# SUPREME COURT REPUBLIC OF PALAU

## HIRING ANNOUNCEMENT

### Court Counsel Positions Supreme Court of the Republic of Palau

The Republic of Palau, a tropical island nation in Micronesia, renowned for its unspoiled natural beauty and unique marine life, is seeking applicants for four Court Counsel positions at the Republic's Supreme Court for the upcoming 2025-2026 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.

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 2025.

Court Counsel shall receive a yearly salary of approximately \$43,000 (USD), five weeks of paid vacation, and two and a half weeks of sick leave. 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. 3L applications will be considered on a rolling basis until **November 1, 2024, 11:59 p.m. PST**. Current law clerks and attorneys may apply at any time and the Court will review applications on a rolling basis. If requested in the cover letter, the Court will consider alternative start dates from 2025 to 2027 for current law clerks and attorneys. Please state in your cover letter if you are interested in having your application materials shared with other agencies also seeking qualified applicants. Email your application to [lkotaro@palausupremecourt.net](mailto:lkotaro@palausupremecourt.net) and [CC palaujudiciaryocc@gmail.com](mailto:CC_palaujudiciaryocc@gmail.com). Applications should be addressed to the attention of:

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