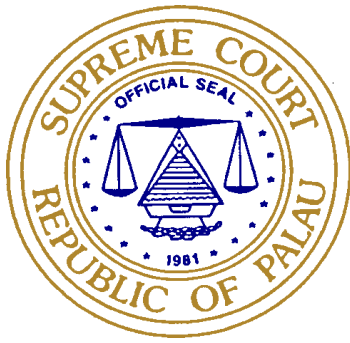




COURT COUNSEL VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

August 26, 2026

The Republic of Palau, a tropical island nation renowned for its natural beauty and unique marine life, is seeking applicants for the position of Court Counsel in the Republic's Supreme Court for the 2027–2028 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, among others, docket management, legal research and analysis, drafting bench memoranda, orders and opinions, and attending court proceedings.

Court Counsel shall receive an annual salary of approximately \$45,000 (USD), five weeks of paid vacation, and two and a half weeks of sick leave. The Court will provide housing, a round-trip economy ticket, 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.

Court Counsel positions are for a one-year term with an option to renew, as mutually agreed upon, for another year. Prior judicial clerkship experience is preferred. Interested candidates must submit a cover letter, resume, contact information for two references, and a writing sample. Applications will be considered and offers made on a rolling basis.

Please submit your application in one PDF document via e-mail to:

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