

Judge Orelia E. Merchant  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

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**Clerkships**

Judge Merchant has completed hiring for the 2023-2024 term. Judge Merchant will post open positions for the 2024-2025 term online through OSCAR. Any prior applications submitted to chambers by paper or email should be resubmitted on OSCAR for consideration.

**Internships**

Judge Merchant is accepting applications for two (2) law student interns for Fall 2023.

**Internship information:** Interns will work primarily under the supervision of Judge Merchant's three law clerks and are expected to spend at least two full-time days in chambers. As an intern, you will conduct legal research and review of the factual records in cases at various stages of litigation; cite and record-check judicial opinions; and help Judge Merchant and her clerks prepare for oral arguments and status conferences. Interns will also have the opportunity to observe various proceedings going on in the courthouse. Interns can expect to work on at least one substantive writing assignment in their term.

Internships are unpaid, but chambers staff will coordinate with students who have funding through fellowship programs, public interest scholarship programs, or other outside sources to meet any program requirements. Applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited J.D. or L.L.M. program (unfortunately, Judge Merchant is not able to accept high school or college applications at this time), and applicants should currently be in either their first or second year of law school.

**To apply:** Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, undergraduate transcript, and law school transcript (unofficial is acceptable) with at least one semester of grades to [Merchant\\_Chambers@nyed.uscourts.gov](mailto:Merchant_Chambers@nyed.uscourts.gov). Paper applications to chambers will not be considered. Applicants should also provide the name and contact information of at least one professional or law school reference in their cover letter. Applicants are encouraged to bundle their submissions into a single PDF following the naming convention below.

All internship application emails to chambers must include in the subject line: the applicant's last name, first name, application semester and year, and the words "OEM Internship Application." For example: "Re: Doe, Jane – Fall 2025 – OEM Internship Application." Please also indicate any preferred honorifics or pronouns.

Chambers staff cannot reply to or provide a status update for each application due to volume but will contact applicants selected to interview.