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ANNOUNCEMENT  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

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ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 9627

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**POSITION TITLE:** PRINCIPAL LAW CLERK TO JUDGE **JG: 31**

**LOCATION:** 9<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
ORANGE COUNTY

**BASE SALARY:** \$130,061 + \$ 2,460 LOCATION PAY

**CLASSIFICATION:** EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Admission to the New York State Bar and two (2) years of service in the Associate Law Clerk to Judge title; or five (5) years of relevant legal experience, including up to 18 months of pre-admission experience.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:** Principal Law Clerks to Judge are responsible for researching and analyzing uniquely intricate, complex and sensitive legal issues and questions for individual judges. They also provide other personal and confidential assistance to an individual judge or judges. Principal Law Clerks to Judge are personally appointed by the judge or judges for whom they work and serve at their pleasure.

**ASSIGNMENT:** This position is assigned to the Hon. Kyle C. McGovern, Supreme Court Justice in the 9th Judicial District, Orange County. Duties include but are not limited to: researching and analyzing legal issues and questions; drafting opinions, decisions, orders, jury charges, correspondence, and other written material; conferring with lawyers on unusual or complex proceedings and reviewing legal documents; reviewing and verifying citations; conferring with and advising the judge on legal issues; arranging the judge's calendar and scheduling meetings and conferences; and conducting discovery, pre-trial, and settlement conferences.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by persons assigned to this title. They do not include all job duties performed by employees in the title, and every position does not necessarily require these duties. Although a position is available and situated at a specific location, the appointee may be subject to reassignment to any position in the same title in this promotion unit dependent upon the needs of the Unified Court System. All applications received from this announcement may be used to fill any vacancies in this title that may occur in this court or agency within the next six (6) months. Position(s) available at the present time: 1.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** All interested persons meeting the minimum qualifications are encouraged to submit a UCS-5 Application for Employment form (obtainable from any administrative office in a court building or on the web at [www.nycourts.gov/careers/UCS5.pdf](http://www.nycourts.gov/careers/UCS5.pdf)) a resume, cover letter, and a writing sample via email to: [9jd-judgemcgovern@nycourts.gov](mailto:9jd-judgemcgovern@nycourts.gov).

**[APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY DATA COLLECTION FORM.](#)**

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**POSTING DATE:** June 24, 2026

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR RECEIVED BY:** July 22, 2026

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