

To: Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director
Jennie Zwagerman, Board Liaison
NALP Board of Directors
From: Maureen Kieffer, Chair, Judicial Clerkship Section
Date: June 22, 2017
Re: Judicial Clerkship Section Quarterly Report

Below, please find information about the Judicial Clerkship Section's activities, including section communication and updates from work groups.

Section Communication

On June 15, 2017 the Judicial Clerkship section held its first quarter conference call, during which members discussed work group updates.

Work Group Status Reports

OSCAR (Marilyn Drees, Yale):

NALP's OSCAR Work Group (NOWG) continues to consult with the OSCAR Program staff as requested during their preparations for the developer solicitation for the next-generation OSCAR platform. The staff has begun to implement some of the information/education suggestions made by NOWG. In April, they rolled out a streamlined Applicant Resources webpage; in addition, they posted a new "Applicant Prep Kit" on the OSCAR homepage (available without logging in) which was specifically geared toward preparing the Class of 2019 before they could access OSCAR on July 1. In June, the staff is offering a "refresher" webinar for Law School Administrators, focusing on accounts and recommendation letters, which NOWG suggested in light of the turnover of law school clerkship staff.

Each summer, NOWG coordinates with the OSCAR staff to send out a postcard to judges' chambers which urges them to use OSCAR and to make sure their information is up to date. Laura Simon, OSCAR Program Manager, asked if we could send our postcard in June this year, a bit earlier than in the past. Thanks to support from the NALP Board, we were able to move forward and the postcard was sent to approximately 2,200 federal judges on June 21st.

State Courts (Laura Woodson, University of Georgia School of Law; Samantha Kasmarek, Syracuse):

The State Courts Work Group is organizing a comprehensive update of existing entries in the *Insight and Inside Information for Select State Court Clerkships*. The group is also exploring creating a state court clerkship resource section on PSJD.

Judicial Clerkship and Employer Relations Work Group (Michele Hoff, Connecticut; Marti Worms, University of San Diego School of Law):

The Judicial Clerkship and Employer Relations Workgroup has discussed the possibility of scheduling another conference call with the recruiting section over the summer, is considering a webinar about clerkships and employment, is planning for additional outreach calls throughout the year and is working on a helpful resource on common practices regarding clerkships and employer relations. The group is seeking additional volunteers to assist in these efforts.

Programming and Resources (Shavonne Henderson, The University of Texas School of Law):

For the 2018 Annual Education Conference, the Judicial Clerkship Section submitted six RFPs. The Section submitted five article proposals for the NALP Bulletin. The group is also investigating creating a resource for increasing interest in judicial clerkships among diverse students in addition to the brochure created by the ABA and NALP.

RFPs

Title: Are you there, Faculty? It's me, the CSO: Leveraging Faculty in Pursuit of Judicial Clerkships

Presenters: Arturo Thompson (University of Kansas), Lisa Key (Mizzou), Jen Pollard (Maryland)

Title: Winning Strategies for Supporting Diverse Clerkship Applicants

Presenters: Michele Hoff (UConn), Liz Peck (Cornell) and Tamara Stephen (Brooklyn Law)

Title: Judicial Clerkship Advising for the Generalist - Tips for the Small CSO

Presenters: Jennifer Zwagerman (Drake) and Angela Cruseturner (Baylor Law School), Monica Gould (St. Thomas) and Samantha L. Ciriaco (Case Western)

Title: Put me in Coach! Strategies for Preparing Your Clerkship Advisees for the Interview Process

Presenters: Shavonne Henderson (The University of Texas School of Law), Jason Gray (Gonzaga, WA), Michele Hoff (UConn)

Title: No Turning Back: Supporting (and Reporting) Alumni Clerks

Presenters: Eric Stern (UC – Berkeley), Marilyn Drees (Yale) and Julie McLaughlin (GWU)

Title: OSCAR: The Next Generation ** proposed tentatively pending updates to OSCAR being ready for debut by April 2018**

Presenters: Marilyn Drees (Yale), Laura Simon (OSCAR Program Manager), Tyrus Manuel (Assistant OSCAR Program Manager & IT Specialist), and Timothy Burgess (U.S. District Judge and OSCAR Working Group Chair)

Bulletin Submissions for 2017-2018

“Building an Effective Tribal Court Clerkship Program,” Devra Sigle Hermosilla and Jason Gray

Book Review of “The All-Inclusive Guide to Judicial Clerking” by Abigail L. Perdue (title forthcoming), Elyse Diamond

“The Post-Clerkship Job Search: When and Where to Start,” Marti Worms

“The impact of visa issues on non U.S. Citizens interested in judicial clerkship positions,”
Caroline Springer and Co-Author TBD

“Clerkships with the Executive Office for Immigration Review” (final title forthcoming),
Jill E. Roberts and Beth Hansen

Environmental Scanning and Miscellaneous

With the Class of 2019 gaining access to OSCAR on July 1, there may be additional federal judges posting positions, but it is hard to predict.

The Just the Beginning Foundation has an upcoming deadline of July 14, 2017 for the Share the Wealth clerkship program for 2018-19. The number of judges participating appears to have gone down in the past few years and the Section is considering reaching out to see if we can help with promoting the program.

Our next quarterly call is scheduled for October 5, 2017, 2pm EDT, 1pm CDT, 11am PDT.