

To: Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director
Jennie Zwagerman, Board Liaison
NALP Board of Directors
From: Maureen Kieffer, Chair, Judicial Clerkship Section
Date: February 1, 2018
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 January 25, 2018 the Judicial Clerkship section held its third quarter conference call, during which members discussed work group updates.

Work Group Status Reports

OSCAR (Marilyn Drees, Yale):

The judge's OSCAR Work Group is holding its annual meeting in DC on Feb. 22, and the OSCAR Work Group will be attending that meeting, as well as a half-day session with just the OSCAR staff on Feb. 21, focusing on the OSCAR platform. (At the moment, we don't have any information on the timeline for nextgen OSCAR).

The OSCAR Work Group collected feedback regarding OSCAR and federal clerkship hiring via NALPConnect from section members. This information will be used to inform our discussion and assist us in answering questions at the annual meeting.

The OSCAR staff decided they did not have enough detail about nextgen OSCAR to warrant a program at the annual conference. They will definitely have a booth in the exhibitor hall and may do a session in the exhibitor classroom.

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

Laura Woodson is spearheading a comprehensive update of existing entries in the *Insight and Inside Information for Select State Court Clerkships* and has received several updates from group members (including Liz Peck, NY; Margaret Talmers, MA; Michele Hoff, CT; Jennifer Zwagerman, IA; Laura completed the Southeast (GA, SC, NC, FL, AL). Volunteers are being identified to update the West and Midwest.

Sam Kasmarek has lead the effort to create a state court clerkship resource section on PSJD. The plan is to add this content under the Public Sector Career Paths section on PSJD and to follow the format of what a clerkship is, what to do in law school to prepare, and resources for applying. Diane Fears has volunteered to assist in drafting this content.

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

During a call with Marti and Michele in December, we discussed the idea of waiting to see if the judges return to the Hiring Plan and to re-evaluate the goals of this group.

Programming and Resources (Tamara Stephen, Brooklyn Law School):

Tamara is working on creating a diversity resource in conjunction with the program Michele, Tamara and Liz will be presenting at the Annual Conference. The resource will identify regional and national programs to promote diversity in clerkships.

For the 2018 Annual Education Conference, the Judicial Clerkship Section will be presenting:

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 (Georgetown), 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 (Georgetown)

Recent Bulletin Submissions for 2017-2018

- November issue: *Building an Effective Tribal Court Clerkship Program*, by Devra Sigle Hermosilla and Jason Gray.
- January issue: *Clerkships for International Students: Challenges and Hurdles*, by Caroline Springer and Jeannie Musselwhite

Webinars

Our section is participating in the Ask the Experts Webinar series. **Ask the Experts: Judicial Clerkships 101 on Thursday, February 1 at 2:00 pm ET.** Thanks to Jaya Saxena and Susan Staab for volunteering.

Environmental Scanning and Miscellaneous

During our call the group discussed how schools are approaching the issue of sexual harassment in the workplace and shared ideas for programming on this topic.

The American Constitution Society hosted a conference call about judicial clerkships in November that featured California Supreme Court Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar, U.S. District Court Judge James Gwin (N.D. Ohio), and Melissa Murray, Alexander F. and May T. Morrison Professor of Law at UC Berkeley and Visiting Professor of Law at NYU Law. The call was targeted to focus on what 1Ls, people of color, and first generation law students should

know about the clerkship process and how ACS can be a resource throughout the application process. I participated in the call and followed up with Zack Gima with the ACS about their initiatives to help students, especially diverse students, with clerkships. Zack mentioned there are some judges that belong to ACS that may be interested in learning more about recruiting diverse clerkship candidates and having a collaborator like NALP may help spread the message. Zack was interested in ways NALP and ACS may be able to collaborate. I put Zack in touch with Liz, Michele and Tamara to discuss if there was room for collaboration on their program Winning Strategies for Supporting Diverse Clerkship Applicants.

Our next quarterly call is scheduled for Feb. 27, 2018 at 2pm EDT, 1pm CDT, 11am PDT.