

To: Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director
Lois Casaleggi, Board Liaison
NALP Board of Directors
From: Maureen Kieffer, Chair, Judicial Clerkship Section
Date: March 30, 2017
Re: Judicial Clerkship Section Quarterly Report

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

Section Communication

On March 21, 2017 the Judicial Clerkship section held its fourth quarter conference call, during which members discussed work group updates and conducted environmental scanning.

Work Group Status Reports

OSCAR (Marilyn Drees, Yale):

The OSCAR work group attended the annual meeting in late January. The primary focus of the group is the complete overhaul of the OSCAR platform. OSCAR staff will be at NALP conference presenting and with a booth in the exhibitor hall. NALP members are encouraged to stop by with feedback/ideas on the OSCAR platform. The working group met with the OSCAR staff and with federal judges and shared the feedback from the outreach conducted to member schools. There is no timetable yet for the new OSCAR platform. The existing OSCAR system will stay in place until the new one has been tested, vetted, and is fully operational. It is unlikely there will be any changes during 2017.

State Courts (Roman Chaban, Catholic University):

The State Courts Work Group will continue to update existing entries in the *Insight and Inside Information for Select State Court Clerkships*.

Roman Chaban was not able to join the call, but reported his progress on a unified state clerkship application database. He has reached out to the DC Superior Court Chief Judge to see if their court would be interested in posting clerkships on PSJD. Maureen Kieffer reached out to the HR Manager for the Minnesota Appellate and Supreme Court who expressed interest in posting clerkships on PSJD. We hope to do more regional outreach in the next year.

Judicial Clerkship and Employer Relations Work Group (Michele Hoff, Connecticut):

The group's goal is still to create a brief publication/guide addressing common practices in the market with respect to clerkship hiring and counseling.

Programming and Resources (Stephanie Powell, Mercer):

For the 2017 Annual Education Conference in San Francisco, the Judicial Clerkship Section has four scheduled programs:

Wed., April 19 at 11:30 OSCAR Sneak Peek: A New Platform for a New Generation, Marilyn Drees, Laura Simon, Tyrus Manuel, The Honorable Timothy Burgess

Wed., April 19 at 2:15pm— Filling the Gaps in Clerkship Recruiting, Michele Hoff, Julie McLaughlin, Elizabeth Klein

Wed., April 19, 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. Section Meeting

Fri., April 21 at 10:30 am— Judicial Clerkships for (Nearly) Everyone! Best Practices and Resources to Market State Court Clerkships to the Skeptical Student, Diane Cross, Samantha Kasmarek, Bill Chamberlain

Fri., April 21 at 1:45pm— Mining for Gold: How to Find Hidden Clerkship Opportunities in California, Eric Stern, Mishkah Ismamil

Bulletin Submissions:

Published articles

Tips and Tools for Applying to Newly or Nearly Confirmed Federal Judges by Marilyn Drees and Elizabeth Peck in Feb. Bulletin

Leveraging Judicial Externships into Judicial Clerkships by Linda Hale in March Bulletin

We began brainstorming for RFPs for the next conference. Michele Hoff and Tamara Stephen-Revamping RFP winning strategies for diverse clerkship applicants. Arturo Thompson-Effectively Using Faculty Committee for Clerkship Outreach. We discussed partnering with other sections (Diversity, Gap Year Clerkships-recruiting section two years ago addressed clerkships/hiring broadening it to more issues, interviewing during summer associate programs, students get clerkships early before offers, still relevant issues)

Environmental Scanning and Miscellaneous

Our next meeting will be at the conference on **Wed., April 19, 3:45 – 5:00 p.m., Golden Gate 8, Hilton San Francisco Union Square**. We will continue our brainstorming of RFPs, discuss goals for the next year, and opportunities to volunteer.