

NALP Section Report

Date: January 7, 2026

To: Tasha Evans, Board Liaison, NALP Board of Directors; Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director

From: Kristina Bilowus and Kathleen Overly, Co-Chairs of the Judicial Clerkship Section

Work Groups & Charges

Annual Education Conference/Bulletin+/Article & Webinar Planning: Three bulletin articles were accepted and three conference programs.

OSCAR: Marilyn Drees (Texas) is the chair of this working group. No updates since the last meeting.

State Courts: Jenny Chou (Quinnipiac) and Meredith Barnes (Emory) are the vice-chairs of this working group. They are working on updating the NALP Guide for State Court Clerkships. Kathleen will be in touch with them to develop a way of organically updating the guide in a continuous manner.

DEI Liaison: We are waiting for confirmation from the DEI Working Group as to who are liaison will be.

Judicial Workplace Conduct: Liz Peck (Yale) and Lisa Bossetti Barash (UCLA) are Vice Chairs of this working group. No updates since the last meeting.

Section Meeting

Our third section meeting was held at 1pm CT on January 7, 2026. The section welcomed Judge Bloom, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida in Miami, and Tal Aburos, a Senior Associate at DLA Piper in Miami the National Chair for the Judicial Intern Academy. The group discussed the Judicial Intern Academy and ways law schools can get involved in the program. The Working Group Chairs provided brief updates. Marilyn Drees informed the group that Susan Staab, a long time member of the section, passed away over the weekend and the group started a collection to make a donation in her name.

Kathleen closed with an update of the section's three programs at the Annual Education Conference and encouraged members to attend.

Upcoming Section Call

March 4, 2026, at 2pm EST/1pm CT/12pm MT/11AM PT,
<https://utexas.zoom.us/j/88084578387>