

To: Craig Compton, Board Liaison, NALP Board of Directors

cc: Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director

From: Amy Nixon and Jen Pollard, Co-Chairs, Judicial Clerkship Section

Date: October 17, 2024

Re: Judicial Clerkship Section Quarterly Report

Below please find a summary of the Section's activities and concerns from this quarter:

I. Leadership Team

Work Groups and Charges

Work Group and Vice Chair(s)	Charges
Annual Education Conference / Bulletin+ Article and Webinar Planning Handled by: Elizabeth Ireland (Wisconsin)	4 RFPs selected for the 2024 AEC
OSCAR Vice Chair: Marilyn Drees (Texas)	Annual meeting of the OSCAR judges on 9/5. Meeting summary not released yet. Applications this year stable. Reiterated need for complete and accurate info by the judges in OSCAR. Received confirmation from OSCAR staff that they call the chambers for judges who set their positions to expire or open on the first day of the plan. Have not released the Class of 2027 OSCAR Access date yet but discussions are that it will be the same as the past.
State Courts Vice Chairs: Chris Gerlica (Roger Williams Law) Kristina Bilowus (Michigan State)	CORA meeting occurred last month but no real change. State court work group will be POC for CORA to help them execute and prioritize initiatives. Discussion of concerns with CORA being stale and whether it's a resource that's worth sharing.
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Clerkship Hiring & DEI Liaison Vice Chair: Kristina Bilowus (Michigan State) DEI Liaison: TBD (DEI Steering Committee will appoint)	Have not met but submitted bulletin article for November
Judicial Workplace Conduct Vice Chairs: Liz Peck (Yale) Lisa Bossetti Barash (UCLA)	AOC is holding training for law clerk for personnel, procedures, process for challenging chamber--10/22 & 10/24 (2 sessions both days)--distribute to clerks. Put together a proposal for the NALP board for DWR training, hoping to get the green light to schedule the training for next year.
Well-Being Champion Ann Chang (Pepperdine Caruso Law)	Today is World Mental Health Day and Law Student Mental Health Day. First wellbeing circle is 10/24 discussing practical ways to take care of ourselves during busy seasons, such as having a snack drawer.
Member Relations Vice Chairs: Michele Hoff (Georgetown) Elizabeth Ireland (Wisconsin) AJ Finch (Iowa)	Updating ALJ information; process is slow, pulling postings from USA Jobs.

II. Section Meeting

The Section held its first section meeting on April 18, 2024. Current Vice Chairs, Amy Nixon and Jen Pollard, shared that they will be staying on in their current leadership roles for next year. Led a brainstorming session for RFP ideas for the 2025 Annual Education Conference and Bulletin+ articles. Additionally, Amy and Jen issued a call for volunteers for the 2024-25 leadership team.

The Section held its second section meeting on Monday, June 17, 2024. The meeting started with a presentation on state judicial clerkship hiring in Maine by supervisory law clerk, Natalie Kreckle. Following that, the 2024-25 Work Group Vice Chairs were introduced and provided updates. Finally, we opened the floor to discuss any issues related to the federal court hiring cycle, including any problems encountered with OSCAR. Rochelle McCain (Yale) reported a transcript issue that caused certain uploads to turn yellow. OSCAR is working on resolving this issue going forward.

The Section held its second meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2024. President of the Sonia & Celina Sotomayor Judicial Internship Program, Colleen Faherty, kicked off the meeting by providing an overview of the program and answer questions from the group. Following that, the work group vice chairs provided updates. Notably, the State Court Work Group plans to work with CORA to consultant on their development plans and guide them on prioritization. This lead to a discussion about CORA's lack of progress and the type of support, financial and otherwise, that might help move CORA in the right direction. At the end of the meeting, we opened the floor for discussion.

III. Upcoming Section Call

Thursday, January 23 at 1 pm EST (12 pm CT/11 am MT/10 am PT)

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