

**SUGGESTED JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP
READING LIST**
*For Career Services &
Recruiting Professionals*

GENERAL

Bartell, Laura B., *Rubin: Practitioner, Professor, and Judge: A Splendid Relationship – Judge and Law Clerk*, 52 La. L. Rev. 1429

Provides a detailed account of how one federal judge selected, utilized, and mentored his law clerks.

Broodo, Kenneth C., and Haolftis, Douglas D., *Practice in the Federal District Courts From the Law Clerk's Perspective*, 43 Baylor L. Rev. 333

Article describes how judges and their staffs responded to different lawyering techniques and gives a behind the scenes account of the responsibilities of law clerks as well as the power that the clerks possess.

Casey, Joanne, *Judicial Clerkships: Getting Students on Board*, NALP Bulletin, National Association For Law Placement 2004

Chambers Handbook for Judges Law Clerks and Secretaries, Federal Judicial Center, 1994.

Gives introduction to the functions and role of law clerks and secretaries; preparation; conduct, ethics & protocol; basic analysis of litigation conducted in U.S. courts; court governance and administration; chambers and case management; relations with other court and justice system personnel; and legal research and writing. [Also available online at: [http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/Chambers.pdf/\\$file/Chambers.pdf](http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/Chambers.pdf/$file/Chambers.pdf)]

Counseling Students About Judicial Clerkships, Perspectives on Career Services, National Association for Law Placement 2004

Courting Clerkships: The NALP Judicial Clerkship Study, National Association for Law Placement 1999

Provides an in-depth study of what factors determine who is hired as a law clerk. Provides statistics concerning minority and women law clerks and lists key concerns regarding the application process and suggests action plans for judges, law schools, and students to improve the judicial clerkship hiring process.

The Courts: An Excellent Place for Attorneys of Color to Launch Their Careers, National Association for Law Placement and the American Bar Association, 2002

Brochure, published by NALP with the assistance of the ABA Judicial Division Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary, explains what judicial clerkships are and how they can benefit students of color.

Drees, Marilyn, *Applying for Clerkships? User Your Summer Well*, New York Law Journal, Summer Associates Special Section, June 2003

Drees, Marilyn, and King, Debra, *Preparing for Judicial Clerkship Season: Tips for Law Schools and Legal Employers*, NALP Bulletin, Vol. 16 No. 6, National Association for Law Placement, June 2003

Drees, Marilyn, *U.S. Supreme Court Application Basics*, NALP Bulletin Vol. 15 No. 10, National Association for Law Placement, October 2002

Federal Law Clerk Brochure, Administrative Office of the United States Courts
The handout provides an overview of life as a judicial clerk and provides information regarding the application process, resume, and reality of clerking.

Judicial Clerkship Opportunities, National Association for Law Placement, 1999
Brochure prepared by NALP's Public Service Committee provides a concise description of the types of clerkship positions available, factors to consider in researching opportunities, and resources to use in locating judges.

Sirico, Jr., Louis J., *Judging: A Book For Student Clerks*, Matthew Bender, 2002
Anthology designed for the classroom component of a Judicial Externship program, its purpose is to provide insightful readings that permit and encourage deep reflection on the profession of judging. It offers stories by and about judges that may resonate with the student's own clerking experiences.

Strauss, Debra, *Behind the Bench: The Guide to Judicial Clerkships*, BarBri Group, 2002
Comprehensive guide that includes information about the courts, the range of judicial clerkships, and all aspects of the application process. (<http://www.judicialclerkships.com> is a commercial site that promotes this resource and contains some useful information and links. It also maintains message boards for students and judicial clerks to exchange information about applying for a judicial clerkship and to share their judicial clerkship experiences.)

The Third Branch, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts
A monthly publication containing news about the federal judiciary. It includes a section titled Judicial Milestones, which is useful to students seeking judicial clerkships. Appointments and elevations are listed, as well as information about judges who have retired, moved to senior status or are deceased. [Also available on the Internet at <http://www.uscourts.gov/ttb/index.html>

Understanding the Federal Courts, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, 2003
Introduction to the federal judicial system, its organization and administration, and its relationship to the legislative and executive branches of the government. The brochure is available in .html and .pdf versions on the web at <http://www.uscourts.gov/understand03/>.

BIBLIOGRAPHY ON TIMING OF CLERKSHIP HIRING

The Market for Federal Judicial Law Clerks, 68 U. Chi. L. Rev. 793 (2001)

The Federal Judicial Law Clerk Hiring Problem and the Modest March 1 Solution, 104 Yale L.J. 207 (1994)

The “Bad Apple Trilogy”–*Selecting Law Clerks*, 89 Mich. L. Rev. 152 (1990); *Confessions of a Bad Apple*, 100 Yale L.J. 1707 (1991); *On Clerkship Selection: A Reply to the Bad Apple*, 101 Yale L.J. 1097 (1992)

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP DIRECTORIES AND OTHER INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

Almanac of the Federal Judiciary, Aspen Publishers. Updated semiannually. Provides in-depth biographical information on federal appellate and district court judges. Organized by court, this resource profiles each federal judge and provides lawyer evaluations.

American Bench 2003-2004.

Provides short bios for all federal and state court judges (including state trial court judges).

BNA’s Directory of State and Federal Courts, Judges and Clerks

Contains addresses and phone number for the judiciary.

Directory of the Minority Judges of the United States of America, The Task Force on Opportunities for Minorities in the Judiciary. American Bar Association, Chicago, IL., 2002

Directory containing 1,798 entries for African-American judges, 1,524 entries for Hispanic judges, 322 entries for Asian-Pacific Islander judges, 56 entries for Native American judges and 345 entries for Tribal Court judges. The directory may be purchased through the ABA Service Center for \$49.95 by calling 800/285-2221.

Federal Administrative Law Judges Conference - www.faljc.org

Federal Law Clerk Information System, www.uscourts.gov;

<https://lawclerks.ao.uscourts.gov/>

Map of Federal Circuits and links to websites of all Federal Appellate, District and Bankruptcy Courts www.uscourts.gov/allinks.html

2005-06 Guide to State Judicial Clerkships, Vermont Law School

Publication provides an overview of state courts and is available online to subscribers. The Guide is available for \$100.00. To order, contact Shelly Parker at (802) 831-1249 or sparker@vermontlaw.edu

Judicial Yellow Book: Who's Who in Federal and State Courts, Leadership Directories, Inc., Washington, DC.

Directory of federal and state court personnel. Daily updates available online at www.leadershipdirectories.com in its The Leadership Library® on Internet and CD-ROM

National Center for State Courts: <http://www.ncsonline.org>

Links to state court websites, as well as federal and international court websites.

State and Federal Courts – <http://www.courts.net>

Provides links to websites maintained by courts nationwide

Want's Federal State Court Directory

Contains list of all federal court judges with contact information. Also contains information on state courts and judges.

TRACKING FEDERAL JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

The Administrative Office of the Courts

http://www.uscourts.gov/cfapps/webnovada/CF_FB_301/index.cfm?fuseaction=Reports.ListReports

University of Michigan Law School

<http://www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/careerservices/nomdb.htm>

Judicial confirmation and nominations database

U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy

<http://www.usdoj.gov/olp/judicialnominations.htm>

United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary

judiciary.senate.gov/nominations.cfm

Tracks judicial nominations and confirmations and federal links related to the judicial nominating committee.

SAMPLE PROGRAM TITLES

LAW SCHOOLS

General Programs

Clerking at the [Court]
Federal Judges and their Law Clerks
Introducing Judicial Clerkships [Orientation Program]
Law Clerks on Clerkships
Specialty Courts: An Additional Clerkship Option

“Nuts & Bolts” Programs

Federal [or State] Clerkship Application Workshop [focus
On the mechanics of application process]
Third-Years Talk about Clerkship Applications [for 2Ls]
Tools for Researching Judges
Training on “internal” judge database training

LEGAL EMPLOYERS

Judges Forum [Part of “Brown Bag” Lunch Series]
Former Law Clerks Speak Out: Why Summer Associates
Should Consider Pursuing A Post-Graduate Judicial
Clerkship
Maximizing The Clerkship Experience Within Your Practice