NALP Judicial Clerkship Section
Ideas from Meeting at Toronto Conference
April 17, 2008

Programs

• OSCAR (in addition to training sessions)
• Interaction of clerkships and technology
  o Survey of what schools use
  o Reporting
• Insider’s view of clerking (especially for advisors who didn’t do clerkships themselves)
  o Interviewing process
  o Clerkship experience itself
  o Law firms recognizing value
• Primer for new advisors
  o Including calendar of what needs to be done
  o Wiki site?
  o Share best practices through listserv?
• Value of clerkships for various types of employers
  o Firms
  o Public interest
  o Fellowships
• Collaboration within law schools
  o Faculty
  o Student affairs
• Best practices for serving alumni
• How to make use of alumni
• Taking program to the next level
  o Reaching out to students
  o Making it better each year
• International tribunals
  o Liz Stack from Miami knows someone - Matt Wilson from Temple who used someone from Amnesty International for such a program
• Judges hiring early
• Administrative law judges
  o Great to do such a program in DC
  o Person from Georgetown might be willing to lead

Articles

• ALJs
• International courts
• State court clerkships
• Externships
• Logistical tips for handling paper faculty recommendations
• Tips for writing good recommendations
  o Is there a practical maximum from the same faculty member to the same judge?
• Staff attorneys and pro se law clerks
  o Elizabeth Armand from Stanford may be willing to write

OSCAR Work Group
Turnover in October
**State Court Work Group?**
- Best practices guide
  - Counseling
  - Promotion to faculty
  - Marketing to judges
  - Consider “Asked and Answered” publication by Donna Gershon as model

**Alumni/Lateral Clerks Work Group?**
- Best practices document
- Statistics
  - How many alumni clerks are there?
  - Is the anecdotal sense of this a growing trend accurate?
- Deferment of 3L offers
- How schools find alumni who are clerking
- Appropriate recommenders
- Differences by region and by size of firm
- How often clerks return to firm
  - If not, where do they go?
  - Did they have the opportunity to return?
- Ethical restrictions
  - Bonuses
  - Attend firm retreat
- How many former clerks does firm have
- Burning bridges - not meeting hours in last few months