

BEST RESOURCES

The following list of placement titles and websites that identify judges, provides court addresses, give biographical information, or describes law clerk duties. We have annotated each resource to help you know which will be most beneficial for you.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Online System for Clerkship Application and Review (OSCAR)

<https://oscar.uscourts.gov/>

The granddaddy of them all - OSCAR not only contains information about who is hiring, it actually takes and processes the applications, much like the Symplicity system. Recommenders can upload and merge letters in the system as well.

Northwest Consortium Judicial Clerkship Database (Federal & State)

http://www.law2.byu.edu/page/index.php?id=current_students&cat=careers&content=rocky

The law schools in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Arizona survey judges regarding their judicial clerkships and the data is entered into the NW Consortium Database, hosted by BYU. The Database contains information about both federal and state clerkships, largely in the west/rocky mountain region. Contact the CSO for the password.

Symplicity System Judicial Clerkship Component (Federal)

<https://law-byu-csm.symplicity.com/>

Since Symplicity is also the creator of OSCAR they are tapped into the Administrative Office of the Federal Courts. Hence we receive an “address update” every quarter for the Federal Judges. You can access this information by going to the Symplicity Site. The feature allows you to download Excel lists of judges with various details. In addition, it tells you how judges are taking applications (i.e. OSCAR, hardcopy, email, etc.)

Vermont’s Guide to State Judicial Clerkship Procedures (State)

<http://forms.vermontlaw.edu/career/guides>

Provides information about all 50 states’ application procedures for their state-level judicial clerkships. Contact the CSO for the password.

United States Courts

www.uscourts.gov

Offers general information about the U.S. Courts, publications, directories, news and information.

Alliance for Justice – Judicial Section

www.judicialselectionproject.org

Provides information about the names and number of judges in each Circuit and their demographic breakdowns. You can also find out about a particular judges’ ethnicity and

which president appointed him or her.

The Federal Judicial Center

www.fjc.gov

The FJC website contains the Federal Judges Biographical Database, which you can use to create customized lists of judges based on multiple categories, including nominating president, type of court, dates of service and demographic groups.

The National Center for State Courts

<http://www.ncsc.org/>

The National Center for State Courts provides links to state court websites. Some courts list law clerks under employment opportunities.

The US Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy

www.usdoj.gov/olp

The US Department of Justice's Office of Legal Policy maintains a list of federal court nominations, confirmed nominees and vacancies for each Congress. Background information on each nominee is also included.

PRINTED MATERIALS

Almanac of the Federal Judiciary

If you are seeking in-depth biographical information about a specific federal judge or several judges on the same federal court, this is an excellent publication. Organized by court, this book profiles each federal judge and it has an interesting attorney comments section. (HH Law Library Reference Desk KF 8775.A945)

American Bench Book

The biographies in this book are not as detailed as the *Almanac of the Federal Judiciary*. However, it does provide short bios for all federal and state court judges. If you are looking for a state trial court clerkship, this is one resource providing information about those judges. The front few pages of each state section outlines their court system and identify the judges on each court. By looking in the alphabetical pages that follow you can find the judge's address and other contact information. (HH Law Library Reserve and Reference Desk KF 195.J8.A43)

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

Contains addresses and phone numbers for the judiciary. (HH Law Library Reference Desk KF 8700.A19.B53)

Chambers Handbook

Produced by West Publishing, this is an excellent resource if you are wondering what duties a law clerk performs. Quickly scan this document before interviews to become familiar with the judicial code of conduct, protocol, criminal and civil procedure, and the role of a judicial clerk in the courthouse. (CSO and HH Law Library Reserve KF

8771.C42 1994)

Judicial Staff Directory

Useful in-depth biographies of federal and state judges, includes information about years of appointment, presidential nominations, and the size of judicial districts. (HH Law Library Reference Desk KF 8700.A19.J83)

Judicial Yellow Book

Essentially the equivalent of a yellow pages phone book containing members of the judiciary. (HH Law Library Reference Desk KF 8700.A19.J82y)

Want's Federal State Court Directory

Provides an updated list of all federal court judges. The state court pages outline each state's court system and provide the names and addresses of state supreme court justices. (HH Law Library Reserve KF 8775.A15.F47)

Want's State Court Clerks & County Courthouses

Each state's section has a flowchart outlining the structure of the state court system. The book also lists the address for each courthouse in the state and gives the name and phone number of the clerk. However, the book does not provide a list of state court judges, so you will need to refer to *The American Bench Book* or another resource. (HH Law Library Reserve KF 8736.A15.D57)