



What is a Judicial Clerkship

A judicial clerkship is a salaried, post-J.D. position. Generally, a judicial clerk is hired for a one- or two-year term following graduation. Some judges, however, have "career" law clerks. Also, depending on a court's internal structure, a clerk may work for a specific judge or be part of a staff working for several or all judges of the court.

The judicial clerk is an assistant to the judge and performs a broad range of functions that include legal research, drafting of memoranda and opinions, editing, proofreading and verification of citations. Clerks often attend conferences in chambers with the attorneys in a case and also engage in conferences and discussions with the judge regarding pending cases. There is no narrow job description for a judicial clerk. The clerk may be called upon to perform any of the tasks assigned to the judge and his/her staff in order to aid in the administration of the judge's docket.

Judicial clerkships offer new graduates the opportunity to work closely with a judge for one or two years, gaining unparalleled insight into the judicial process and broad exposure to various areas of the law. Many lawyers view clerkships as the most prestigious and distinguished way to begin a legal career, and most employers highly value the learning experience of judicial clerkships.

Clerkships are available in both the federal and state courts and at both the trial and appellate court level. There are clerkship opportunities for law students of various academic standings. Judicial clerkships at any level court can open up a wide variety of career opportunities, both in the private and public sectors. Judicial clerks also have a very high level of job satisfaction -- When asked whether they would clerk again, a remarkable 97% of clerks say they would.

“Successful people do what unsuccessful people are not willing to do. Don’t wish it were easier; wish you were better.”

- Jim Rohn

Events and Announcements

We often have regional attorneys reach out for student research. These positions are often temporary and they are willing to pay! If you want to be considered for some of these opportunities, get your resume submitted to the Resume Book in [POKES](#) today!

2/5/20 12:30pm Rm 170 - Wyoming State Bar: [Do’s and Don’ts in the Bar Application Process](#)

2/6/20 6:00pm Rm 178 - [Infractions: Rule Violations, Unethical Conduct & Enforcement in the NCAA](#)

Online Registration is Requested

2/19/20 12:30pm Rm 178 - [How to Get the Interview, Land the Job & Negotiate Like a Boss!](#)

3/11/20 12:30pm Rm 170 - [Nuts & Bolts: Clerking - How, When & Why Should I Care?](#)

4/1/20 12:30pm Rm 170 - [Untold Secrets: The Nexus of Networking, Fashion, Social Media](#)

4/10/20 8:00am Boulder, CO School of Law - [The Bill Daniels Rocky Mountain Ethics & Law Forum](#)

4/22/20 12:30pm Rm 170 - [Professionalism: First Law Job Jitters](#)

Postings for 1L's:

Rocky Mountain Region

Summer Intern Program - Wyoming AG's Office - Cheyenne, WY
Apply by 1/31/20

Outside the Region

Summer Associate - Snell & Wilmer - Phoenix, AZ

Immigration Summer Legal Corps - Equal Justice Works - Various Locations
Apply by 2/18/20

Summer Internship (Paid) - U.S. Air Force JAG - Various Locations
Apply by 2/4/20

Postings for 1L's and 2L's:

Rocky Mountain Region

Legal Intern - Town of Jackson, WY
Apply by 3/13/20

Summer Unpaid Externship - Region VIII Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity - Denver, CO
Apply by 2/28/20

Outside the Region

Summer Unpaid Externship Program - Air Force JAG Corps
Apply by 1/30/20

Summer Law Clerk Externships - Washington State AG's Office
Apply by 2/12/20 (multiple locations)

Summer Law Clerk Externship - Washington State AG's Office - Spokane, WA
Apply by 1/26/20

Summer Law Clerk Positions - Goldwater Institute - Phoenix, AZ
Apply by 3/31/20

Rural Summer Legal Corps - Equal Justice Works - Various Locations
Apply by 2/10/20

Postings for 2L's:

Rocky Mountain Region

Summer Law Clerk - Burns, Figa & Will, P.C. - Greenwood Village, CO
Apply by 1/31/20

Outside the Region

Externship - San Juan County Attorney's Office - Monticello, UT

Postings for 2L's & 3L's:

Rocky Mountain Region

Spring 2020 Externship - Laramie Municipal Court - Laramie, WY

Outside the Region

Law Clerk - Oregon Judicial Department - Salem, OR

Interview Tips

Research the firm or company.

Dress professionally.

Practice answers to difficult questions.

Be on time.

Mirror the handshake/s of your interviewer/s.

Admit that you are nervous if you are. Trying to hide it will only make it worse.

Be energetic and enthusiastic.

Sell yourself. Give the employer a reason to get excited about you.

Make eye contact with your interviewer.

Ask good questions.

Get across your agenda. Talk about your strong points even if you are not asked about them directly.

Be as flexible as possible when talking about your availability to start this position.

Say a sincere "thank you" at the end of each interview.

Send a thank you letter or email to each person with whom you met (with correct name and spelling - ask for business cards).

Postings for 3L's:

Rocky Mountain Region

Staff Attorney - State of Wyoming - Cheyenne, WY

Apply by 2/27/20

Assistant Attorney General - Wyoming AG's Office - Cheyenne, WY

Legal Assistant - First Judicial District Attorney's Office - Cheyenne, WY

Attorney - Corthell and King Law Office, P.C. - Laramie, WY

Law Clerk, Judge Marvin Tyler - Sublette County District Court - Pinedale, WY

Apply by 2/12/20

Associate Attorney - Gurstel Law Firm, P.C. - Wyoming

Law Clerk - Colorado Judicial Branch - Castle Rock, CO

Apply by 2/29/20

Restorative Justice Program Manager - Colorado State University - Fort Collins, CO

Apply by 2/3/20

Instructors, Legal Studies Minor, Open Pool (Faculty) - Colorado State University - Fort Collins, CO

Apply by 12/31/20

Judicial Clerk, Judge Nina Wang - U.S. District Court - Denver, CO

Apply by 3/1/20

Judicial Clerk, Judge William Martinez - U.S. District Court - Denver, CO

Apply by 3/1/20

Carr Appellate Fellowship Program - Office of the CO Attorney General - Denver, CO

Apply by 1/31/20

Law Clerk (Legal Honors Intern) - U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development - Denver, CO

Apply by 1/31/20

Deputy District Attorney - Jefferson County Government - Golden, CO

Apply by 1/28/20

Attorney/Hearings Examiner - State of Montana - Helena, MT

Apply by 2/28/20

Deputy City Attorney (Prosecution) - City of Missoula, MT

Apply by 2/28/20

Deputy County Attorney - Richland County Attorney's Office - Sidney, MT

Apply by 2/28/20

Don't forget spring OCI!
-Deadlines Approaching-

Postings for 3L's Continued:

Outside the Region

Assistant U.S. Attorney (Criminal) - U.S. Department of Justice - Del Rio, TX
Apply by 2/28/20

Assistant U.S. Attorney (Civil) - U.S. Department of Justice - El Paso, TX
Apply by 2/26/20

Assistant City Attorney I - City of Austin, TX
Apply by 2/16/20

Legal Counsel - Kemper - Dallas, TX
Apply by 2/26/20

SAFE Staff Attorney - International Rescue Committee - Dallas, TX
Apply by 2/13/20

Tax Division Civil Trial Section, Southwestern Region, Attorney - U.S. Dept. of Justice - Dallas, TX
Apply by 1/30/20

Staff Attorney, Native American Program - Legal Aid of Nebraska - Norfolk, NE
Apply by 2/15/20

Office of Equity Investigator SR - Utah State University - Logan, UT

Staff Counsel - GoDaddy - Scottsdale, AZ
Apply by 2/14/20

Assistant U.S. Attorney (Criminal) - U.S. Attorney's Office for the Dist. Of Alaska - Anchorage, AK
Apply by 3/31/20

Deputy District Attorney I - Josephine County - Grants Pass, OR
Apply by 2/26/20

Judicial Clerk (Judge Ann Lininger) - Oregon Judicial Department - Oregon City, OR
Apply by 2/20/20

Staff Attorney - KIND Inc. - Seattle, WA
Apply by 2/13/20

Law Clerk - Twin Falls County - Twin Falls, ID
Apply by 2/27/20

Associate Attorney - EchoHawk & Olsen - Remote while in school then Pocatello, ID
Apply by 2/26/20

Postings for All Students:

Outside the Region

Internship/Externship (unpaid) fall/spring 2020/21 & summer 2021 - FTC - Seattle, WA

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