

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
 - Survey of what schools use
 - Reporting
- Insider's view of clerking (especially for advisors who didn't do clerkships themselves)
 - Interviewing process
 - Clerkship experience itself
 - Law firms recognizing value
- Primer for new advisors
 - Including calendar of what needs to be done
 - Wiki site?
 - Share best practices through listserv?
- Value of clerkships for various types of employers
 - Firms
 - Public interest
 - Fellowships
- Collaboration within law schools
 - Faculty
 - Student affairs
- Best practices for serving alumni
- How to make use of alumni
- Taking program to the next level
 - Reaching out to students
 - Making it better each year
- International tribunals
 - 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
 - Great to do such a program in DC
 - 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
 - Is there a practical maximum from the same faculty member to the same judge?
- Staff attorneys and pro se law clerks
 - 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 is 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