

## **On-Line Resources:**

**LEXIS and WESTLAW:** Check the news databases through Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw for background information about judges and their cases. Remember to search for opinions by judges with whom you are interviewing. You should do a search for the judge's most recent cases and decisions. You should also determine whether the judge has written any law review articles and read these, if time permits. These may be found on-line.

### **CDO Judicial Clerkship Guide**

Outlines the entire judicial clerkship process for state and federal clerkships and provides information on resources necessary to research judges and apply. See the link on the law school website:

[http://www.law.umaryland.edu/students/careers/programs/judicial\\_clerkship.html](http://www.law.umaryland.edu/students/careers/programs/judicial_clerkship.html)

### **University of Arizona Judicial Clerkship Handbook**

<http://www.law.arizona.edu/Career/Handbooks/judicialhb2006-07.pdf>

This site has comprehensive information on the application process as well as tips on how to secure letters of recommendations and write effective cover letters.

## **Federal – Key Links**

### **Federal Judges Law Clerk Hiring Plan**

<http://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/lawclerk.nsf/Home?OpenForm>

### **Online System for Clerkship Application & Review (OSCAR)**

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

The Online System for Clerkship Application and Review (OSCAR) is a single, centralized resource for notice of available clerkships, clerkship application information, and law clerk employment information. OSCAR accommodates judges who choose to accept clerkship applications electronically, judges who want to receive only paper applications, and judges who wish to advise applicants that they do not have a clerkship vacancy

## **Other Federal**

### **Federal Judicial Center**

[www.fjc.gov](http://www.fjc.gov)

Offers short biographies of federal judges and histories of federal courts.

### **Federal Judiciary**

[www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov)

This has general information about federal courts and links to other court sites. Look for news about judicial vacancies, nominations, resignations, and confirmations in the online version of The Third Branch, the federal judiciary's newsletter (Milestones section): [www.uscourts.gov/ttb](http://www.uscourts.gov/ttb).

### **Federal Law Clerk Information System**

<https://lawclerks.ao.uscourts.gov/index.php?tab=judges>

This is a searchable database (housed on the OSCAR website) of law clerk hiring information for federal judges. Only the judges' chambers can post information, and it can be modified or updated instantaneously, as often as the judge deems necessary. Potential applicants can search by court, and can refine their searches for starting dates, specific judges, or clerkship term. The site also contains information on the duties of law clerks, salary, and benefits. Also, under the Employment tab, you will find a link to the D.C. Circuit's web page devoted to information on the new law clerk hiring plan.

**FindLaw: Federal Resources**

[www.findlaw.com/10fedgov/Judicial](http://www.findlaw.com/10fedgov/Judicial)

Provides links to court websites, accompanied by brief descriptions of each site.

**Federal Court Information -**

[http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/U\\_S\\_Government/Judicial\\_Branch/Federal\\_Courts/](http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/U_S_Government/Judicial_Branch/Federal_Courts/) - And -  
<http://www.courts.net>

**Federal Courts of limited jurisdiction:**

U.S. Court of Federal Claims: <http://www.uscfc.uscourts.gov/Biosnew.htm> lists 24 judges with clerkship opportunities, in Washington, DC.

U.S. Tax Court: <http://www.ustaxcourt.gov/employment.htm> lists 25 judges with clerkship opportunities, in Washington, DC.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit: <http://www.fedcir.gov/mploymnt.html> lists 15 judges with clerkship opportunities, in Washington, DC.

U.S. Courts of International Trade: <http://www.cit.uscourts.gov/Judges/judges.htm> lists 12 judges with clerkship opportunities, in New York.

**Federal Judicial Center** - <http://www.fjc.gov/public/home.nsf/hisj> - has comprehensive and fully searchable judge biographies.

**Federal Magistrate Judges Association** - [http://www.fedjudge.org/law\\_clerks.asp](http://www.fedjudge.org/law_clerks.asp) - contains information about clerkships with federal magistrate judges and allows you to e-mail your resume as an attachment

**Judicial Clerkship searches** - [www.judicialclerkships.com](http://www.judicialclerkships.com) - centralizes many sources for searching

**Online System for Clerkship Application and Review/OSCAR**- <http://oscar.dcd.uscourts.gov/>

**Senate Judiciary Committee**

[www.senate.gov/~judiciary](http://www.senate.gov/~judiciary)

Includes calendar of confirmation hearings and committee actions, as well as listings of judicial nominations and confirmations.

**Senate Nominations**

[www.senate.gov/legislative/legis\\_act\\_nominations.html](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/legis_act_nominations.html)

This is the most up-to-date listings of recent nominations and confirmations, judicial and otherwise.

**U. S. Federal Courts Finder** - <http://www.law.emory.edu/FEDCTS/>

**U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia:**

<http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov>: US District Court for the District of Columbia. Provides contacts information, contains court opinions and list employment opportunities.

**University of Michigan** - <http://www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/careerservices/nomdb.htm> - database of recent federal judicial nominations and confirmations

**Yahoo US Government Judicial Branch -**

[http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/U\\_S\\_Government/Judicial\\_Branch/](http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/U_S_Government/Judicial_Branch/) - A good place for links to both federal and state court information

**Yale University** - <http://www.law.yale.edu/outside/scr/library/nom/index.asp> - database of recent federal judicial nominations and confirmations

## **State**

**National Center for State Courts** -

[www.ncsconline.org/D\\_KIS/info\\_court\\_web\\_sites.html](http://www.ncsconline.org/D_KIS/info_court_web_sites.html) has links to numerous state and international court sites.

**Judicial Clerkship Guide** -

[http://www.vermontlaw.edu/blank\\_template.cfm?doc\\_id=94](http://www.vermontlaw.edu/blank_template.cfm?doc_id=94)

Click on "Career Opportunities" then "Judicial Clerkship Guide" then "Access the Guide" the "Complete Guide or a specific state."

\*Please note: this resource is updated annually each July, please contact CDO for access.

**State and Local Government on the Net** - <http://www.statelocalgov.net/index.cfm> - links to most state judicial systems

**State Court Information** -

[http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/U\\_S\\_Government/Judicial\\_Branch/State\\_Courts/](http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/U_S_Government/Judicial_Branch/State_Courts/) - And -

<http://www.courts.net>

**Yahoo US Government Judicial Branch** -

[http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/U\\_S\\_Government/Judicial\\_Branch/](http://dir.yahoo.com/Government/U_S_Government/Judicial_Branch/) - A good place for links to both federal and state court information

### **District of Columbia Courts**

<http://www.dctbar.org>: Contains information about the DC Court of Appeals and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia such as court calendars judicial assignments.

### **Maryland Courts**

<http://www.courts.state.md.us>: Maryland Judiciary Website. Contains general information about the Maryland Courts, appellate opinions and job announcements.

<http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov>: US District Court for the District of Maryland. Contains contact information.

<http://www.mdb.uscourts.gov>: US Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland. Contains information about judges and employment opportunities.

### **Virginia Courts**

<http://www.courts.state.va.us>: Virginia's Judicial System Homepage. Provides general information about Virginia Courts and Judges, and contains appellate opinions.

<http://www.vaed.uscourts.gov>: US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Provides contact information.

<http://www.vaeb.uscourts.gov>: US Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Contains information about all bankruptcy courts in the Eastern District of Virginia.