COLUMBIA’S JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

Welcome to the judicial clerkship process! Columbia Law School is one of a handful of law schools that consistently places its students and alumni in dozens of federal and state court clerkships, ranging from the U.S. Supreme Court and federal circuit and district courts to a broad array of state and specialty courts. The Judicial Clerkship Program at CLS educates students about judicial clerkships, helps students apply for clerkships, and encourages faculty support of clerkship applicants. The program also has an important judicial outreach component aimed at building and fortifying CLS’s relationships with members of the judiciary.

Applying for clerkships is a multi-step process. Among other things, the application process involves registering as a clerkship applicant, selecting a group of judges, securing faculty recommendations, submitting applications, and scheduling clerkship interviews. This handbook discusses each of these steps. **It is very important to read through this handbook if you are considering applying for clerkships. It contains key deadlines and other essential information.**

Key CLS Contacts

The Judicial Clerkship Program is mainly comprised of the clerkship director and the Faculty Clerkship Committee. Several other CLS departments – as well as the entire faculty and their assistants– provide crucial assistance.

**Director of CLS Clerkship Program.** Anne Green, a former litigator and past clerk on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, is the Director of Academic Counseling and Judicial Programming at CLS. Ms. Green’s e-mail address is anne.green@law.columbia.edu, and her phone number is (212) 854-7269. Her office is located in William & June Warren Hall, Room 505. You are encouraged to contact her with any clerkship-related questions. Rochelle Dechowitz, available in Student Services and at rochelle.dechowitz@law.columbia.edu and (212) 854-2395, is another great resource in the Clerkship Office.

**Faculty Clerkship Committee Co-Chairs.** This year’s Faculty Clerkship Committee chairs are Matthew Waxman, Professor of Law, former Law Clerk to the Hon. Joel Flaum, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (1999-2000) and Justice David Souter, Supreme Court of the United States (2000-2001), Jessica Bulman-Pozen, Associate Professor of Law, former Law Clerk to the Hon. Merrick Garland, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (2007-2008) and Justice John Paul Stevens, Supreme Court of the United States (2008-2009), and Bert Huang (fall semester only), Associate Professor of Law, former Law Clerk to the Hon. Michael Boudin, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (2004-2005) and Justice David Souter, Supreme Court of the United States (2007-2008).
SECTION I: INITIAL CONSIDERATIONS

A. WHY CLERK?

Former clerks describe their clerkship experiences in glowing terms. It is commonplace to hear former clerks describe their year (or years) clerking as some of the most enjoyable and intellectually rewarding time they have spent in their professional career. Although many of you will need no encouragement to clerk, some of you may not have considered the many benefits that a clerkship offers. Here are just a few of them:

- Clerking provides unique insight into how the legal system actually works, how cases proceed from start to finish and what constitutes strong writing and advocacy. As a clerk, you will learn a great deal from reading the legal papers that are submitted and watching the lawyers who appear before your judge.

- Clerking significantly strengthens research and writing skills.

- Many clerks find the relationships that they develop with their judges and co-clerks to be extremely rewarding, both professionally and personally. Many judges host annual reunions with their clerks, and as new clerks are always being added to the "family," the network grows a little larger every year. You may also develop a horizontal network of lawyers who clerked for different judges in the same city or courthouse.

- Clerking is important to the judicial system. Most clerks play a significant role in researching and drafting opinions. In a sense, clerks have a unique opportunity to shape the law very early on in their legal career.

- The clerking experience serves as a significant resume and career building block. Most employers put a great value on the hiring of judicial law clerks, as evidenced by many law firms’ willingness to pay bonuses to clerks and to treat clerkship years as years at the firm for purposes of salary and seniority. Similarly, public interest employers commonly accept years of clerking experience in lieu of the practical experience that they often require.

- If you are contemplating spending your career in a part of the country where you have not previously lived or worked, clerking gives you a wonderful opportunity to see what it might be like to work in that city or region and to begin establishing links in a city that is otherwise completely new to you. It may also give you an opportunity to explore a part of the country where you do not expect to live.

- If you are unsure of what you want to do when you first graduate from law school, a year spent clerking gives you some time to consider your options. Many former clerks will tell you that it was only as a result of clerking that they developed a clear sense of what they wanted to do with their law degree.

B. WHEN SHOULD I CLERK?

Historically, law students almost exclusively applied for clerkships while still in school and began their clerkships a few months after graduation. Students often view a
clerkship as a nice bridge between law school and practice, as well as a wonderful jumping off point for their legal careers. Many students still follow this path.

Increasingly, however, students are opting to apply for clerkships that begin a year or more after graduation. These clerkships might be secured during 3L year or some time after graduation. Students may be applying later on because they did not apply previously, because they did apply previously but did not secure a clerkship in their initial round, or because they already secured a clerkship and seek an additional clerkship. Should you elect to continue or begin your application process after you graduate, the Clerkship Office is available to help you in the same basic ways that it helps current students; you simply need to get in touch with us during your 3L year or after you graduate.

Applying for a clerkship after working carries various benefits, including the following:

- It enables an applicant to provide a judge with a more complete academic picture. Your third-year grades may be extremely strong and therefore make you a stronger applicant than you were at the beginning of your 3L year.
- Another year in school may allow you to develop deeper relationships with some of your professors so that you will have stronger letters of recommendation.
- An increasing number of judges favor the substantive and practical knowledge that a practicing attorney can bring to chambers.

There can also be disadvantages to applying for a clerkship as an alum. Some students view a clerkship commencing after they have started practicing as disruptive to their career or personal lives, particularly if the clerkship requires a geographical move. Other students find it difficult to schedule this type of clerkship around certain public interest fellowships that require a two-year commitment. Finally, students who are interested in working for a year or two before clerking should not automatically assume that their employer will hold their job open for them for the duration of the clerkship, particularly if economic circumstances change. You should discuss this issue with your employer.

It is also important to remember that if you do not obtain a clerkship in your initial round of applications, you should consider reapplying later during the 3L year or after graduation. Many applicants have startlingly different experiences the second time around, even if that second round falls only six months after the first.

C. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND THE LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LRAP)

The federal judiciary pays law clerks in accordance with a pay grade scale know as the JSP scale. Most clerks who start clerking immediately after graduation are paid at the JSP11/Step 1 level. State court pay scales vary by state, and state salary information can be found on state court websites or in the Vermont Guide to State Court Clerkships (discussed below). A law clerk’s salary can fluctuate depending upon, among other things, bar admission, prior work experience, and the state in which you clerk. With rare exception, clerkship salaries are significantly lower than those offered by the nation’s top law firms. However, financial assistance may be available.

Graduates undertaking full-time judicial clerkships paid through the judicial system may be eligible for benefits under the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (“LRAP”).
Interest will accrue on the benefits during the clerkship year(s). Following the clerkship, if the graduate enters employment covered by the LRAP program, traditional benefits will continue and the interest accrued shall be reversed. In these instances, the clerkship period is counted toward time served in qualifying employment for purposes of LRAP loan forgiveness. If the graduate immediately follows the clerkship with non-qualifying employment, the LRAP benefits provided during the clerkship and the accrued interest will be repayable within the next two years. For additional information, please contact Ms. Seandell James in the Financial Aid Office at (212) 854-1245.

For those planning on entering the private sector after clerking, clerks typically are treated equally to non-clerking members of their law school class in terms of pay and seniority. (Students are advised to check with their firms about the details of each firm’s policy.) Many firms also offer clerks a substantial clerkship bonus. Therefore, in the long run, the short-term financial sacrifice associated with clerking is often mitigated by these benefits.

SECTION II: SELECTING A COURT(S)

Columbia students apply for and receive clerkships at many levels of the federal and state judicial systems. Applicants are encouraged to apply to various levels of state and federal courts, particularly since it is difficult to predict with certainty where you will receive interviews and ultimately offers. Which courts appeal to you depends in part upon your interests, strengths, and career goals. The following descriptions may help guide your selection process.

A. FEDERAL VS. STATE COURTS

Federal Courts

Supreme Court of the United States: The Supreme Court is made up of the Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices, plus retired Justices. Active Justices typically hire four clerks each, while retired Justices typically hire one each. The Court operates on a Term basis, with each Term lasting one year and beginning in October. Clerks are also hired for a one-year term, but typically running from July to July. It is important to note that a Supreme Court clerkship almost always follows a prior clerkship. In addition, applicants typically apply to all active Justices and all retired Justices. If you are interested in applying for a Supreme Court clerkship, please review the Supreme Court document on the Judicial Clerkships website and contact the Clerkship Office directly.

U.S. Courts of Appeals: The United States is divided geographically into twelve judicial circuits – the First through Eleventh Circuits and the D.C. Circuit. The circuit courts are intermediate appellate courts that primarily review decisions of the federal district courts. The number of judges within a circuit varies from one circuit to another. Most federal circuit judges hire three or four law clerks for either one or two-year terms.
The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit is the thirteenth federal circuit court. The Federal Circuit has nationwide jurisdiction over appeals from patent cases in the district courts and decisions of the U.S. Court of International Trade, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the U.S. Court of Veterans Claims. The court also reviews administrative rulings of several agencies, including the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

**U.S. District Courts:** There are ninety-four federal district courts, which serve as the country’s trial court system. The number of federal district judgeships varies from one district to another, depending upon the volume of work within each geographic region. Most district court judges hire two or three law clerks for either one or two-year terms.

**U.S. Bankruptcy Courts:** Each federal district has one bankruptcy court, which handles reorganization and insolvency matters. Each bankruptcy judge typically hires one or two law clerks. Bankruptcy is a counter-cyclical field – for example, it flourished in the wake of the economic upheaval beginning in 2008 – and the knowledge gained during a bankruptcy court clerkship can prove very attractive to employers.

**U.S. Magistrate Judges:** Magistrate judges are appointed by the active trial court judges within each judicial district to serve as judicial officers of the district courts. Magistrates exercise jurisdiction over matters assigned by statute as well as those delegated by the district judges, which may include trials, discovery and other tasks. Each magistrate judge typically hires one or two law clerks per term.

**U.S. Special Courts:** The following are often untapped clerkship opportunities within the federal system:

- **U.S. Court of Federal Claims:** This court maintains nationwide jurisdiction over most claims for monetary damages against the United States, including disputes over federal contracts and unlawful federal “takings.”

- **U.S. Court of International Trade:** This court maintains nationwide jurisdiction over cases involving international trade and customs issues.

- **U.S. Tax Court:** This court is authorized to hear a wide range of tax disputes including those related to notices of deficiency, notices of transferee liability, and relief from joint and several liability on a joint return.

- **U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims:** This court reviews decisions of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

- **U.S. Court Appeals for the Armed Forces:** This court reviews court martial convictions.
State Courts

The state judiciary is a fascinating place to clerk. State courts consider legal issues arising in a broad range of substantive areas. Clerking on the state court level also provides you with access to a discrete legal community. Particularly if you are interested in practicing in the state in which you clerk, clerking on the state court level could help you forge important professional relationships. The state court clerkship application process is not guided by the Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan (discussed below). Rather, application requirements for state courts are set out in the Vermont Guide to State Judicial Clerkships (also discussed below). Please check the Guide early, as some states require applications as early as Spring of the 2L year.

As with the federal judiciary, there are several state courts to consider:

State Supreme Courts: The highest state court is the court of last resort for disputes concerning the interpretation of state statutes, state constitutional law and state common law. In many states, this court is referred to as the “supreme court,” but in some states, the court of last resort has another name. For example, in New York, the highest court is the New York Court of Appeals (and confusingly, the trial courts are referred to as the Supreme Courts).

Like the Supreme Court of the United States, most (but not all) state supreme courts have “discretionary review,” i.e., they do not have to hear all appeals from the intermediate appellate courts. As a result, state supreme courts tend to hear novel issues of significant magnitude.

Students who have pursued state supreme court clerkships report back with wonderful experiences, and the vast majority continue on to practice in both federal and state courts, depending upon their preferences.

Intermediate appellate courts: Almost all states have an intermediate court of appeals, which functions as the state court analog to the federal circuit courts. Not all state appellate courts hire law clerks.

Trial courts: State trial courts try a wide array of cases. Although not all state trial courts hire law clerks, those that do provide their clerks with an interesting opportunity to oversee a broad range of trials and to observe the local bar in action. Note that some states, including New York, have specialized trial level courts that allow clerks to explore a particular area of interest such as commercial litigation or family law.

B. APPELLATE VS. TRIAL COURTS

Although virtually all clerkships involve substantial research and writing, the duties of an appellate court clerk differ from those of a trial court clerk in several significant respects. Ultimately, which type of court you select should depend upon your interests and career goals. Many students opt to apply to both trial and appellate court judges.
Appellate court clerks spend the bulk of their time reading briefs and researching and writing bench memoranda, draft opinions, and orders. The extent to which a judge relies upon or adopts a clerk’s draft opinion differs from one judge to another. Appellate clerks also attend oral arguments and *en banc* hearings. Given these responsibilities, there may be some truth to the cliché that those who enjoy the law school journal experience and/or heavy research and writing are more likely to enjoy the appellate clerking experience.

Like appellate clerks, trial court clerks also spend the most significant portion of their time researching and drafting bench memoranda, orders and opinions, but they also tend to draft other documents relevant to the cases before their judges, including plea memoranda and jury instructions. Trial court clerks attend a variety of court proceedings, including trials, arguments on motions, and sentencing hearings. They may also have case management responsibilities such as responding to attorney telephone calls, granting or denying extensions, and scheduling hearing and trial dates. Those who want more hands-on courtroom experience may well be more drawn to a trial court clerkship. Because trial court clerks handle many issues outside of the typical law school sphere, for many students, a trial court clerkship is also a more novel legal experience than an appellate clerkship.

**SECTION III: COMPILING A LIST OF JUDGES**

Once you have narrowed down the type of court(s) to which you will be applying, you will need to select your judges. On average, CLS students apply to 75-150 judges. Who you decide to apply to depends to a large extent upon your own priorities. When developing a list, you should consider the following:

A. **LOCATION**

Many students take geography into account when compiling their list of judges. Some students opt to limit their clerkship search to the geographic region in which they plan to practice law. Other students view their clerkship year or years as an opportunity to explore a new area of the country or return to a college or home town. Given the competitive nature of the clerkship process, applicants should apply as broadly as they are able. It is important to note that the more you limit your search geographically, the more you may limit your chances of obtaining a clerkship. Additionally, as discussed below, you should take into account where CLS students tend to apply and attempt to broaden your list beyond these geographic regions. Consider branching out to areas of the country that you might find interesting or to which you have personal ties – your clerkship is only one year of your life; it’s a perfect time to explore a new area of the country. Remember, there are excellent judges sitting all across the country.

B. **JUDGES’ CONNECTIONS TO CLS**

Another factor to consider when compiling a list is whether a judge (i) attended CLS or (ii) has frequently hired CLS graduates in the past. As a general rule, judges who attended CLS and/or have hired clerks from CLS in the past are more likely to interview and hire students from CLS. Information about a judge’s education and past hiring practices can be found on the judge’s profile page in the Symplicity clerkship module.
You can also find a historical list of all documented CLS clerks (starting with the class of 1990) in Appendix A to this handbook, which can also be downloaded from the Judicial Clerkship website under Application Information (http://web.law.columbia.edu/students/student-services/learning/judicial-clerkships). The handbook list is likely to be more up-to-date than Symplicity with respect to which judges have hired CLS clerks.

C. PERSONALITY/ATMOSPHERE OF CHAMBERS

A clerkship should be a rewarding and satisfying experience both personally and intellectually. Whether or not a clerk will have this type of experience varies in part based upon the atmosphere in a judge’s chambers. Some judges have very casual chambers and spend a lot of time with their clerks. Other judges are more remote. Some judges are nurturing and supportive, while others are more critical. The best source of information about atmosphere is a judge’s current and former clerks. Ask your classmates who went through this process last season, lawyers at your summer jobs, friends and CLS alumni about a judge’s personality, and decide how important that will be to you. Remember, the most prestigious clerkship in the world will not be rewarding for you if you are unhappy all year.

D. AREAS OF INTELLECTUAL INTEREST

Many judges have published or lectured on specific areas of law. If you have a specific legal interest, you may want to clerk for a judge who can help you explore that interest in detail. Similarly, certain courts have dockets that are particularly heavy in one or two areas of law (e.g., commercial disputes in the Southern District of New York and Delaware); perusing a court’s website can give you a sense of its docket.

E. IDEOLOGY

Some students also take into account a judge’s ideology when deciding where to apply. While this decision is up to each applicant, you are encouraged not to eliminate judges based purely on ideology, except perhaps in extreme cases. Ideology does not come into play with respect to the vast majority of the work judges and clerks do. Moreover, many students find that spending a year or two clerking for a judge with a different outlook on things is an eye-opening experience. Similarly, many judges enjoy debating legal issues with clerks who have differing views.

F. AUTHORS OF INTERESTING OPINIONS

Through your studies and research you may have come across judges whose writing inspires or intrigues you. Think about applying to these judges wherever they are located.

G. JUDGE’S PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Judges had fairly substantial legal careers before they were appointed to the bench, some of which may appeal to you. Judge biographies—often available on court websites and in the Almanac of the Federal Judiciary—detail a judge’s background and may highlight something of interest to you. For example, if you aspire to continue on to government
work, a judge who spent years at the Department of Justice or with a federal or state agency may interest you.

H. SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT JUDGES, COURTS, ETC.

Anecdotal Information from Former and Future Clerks

Probably the most valuable sources of information about individual judges are former and future clerks (i.e., current 3Ls). Columbia’s Clerkship Handbook and the clerkship module of Symplicity identify whether a judge has hired a CLS law clerk in the past and, if she has, identify that clerk(s) by name. Feel free to contact current 3Ls and ask candid questions about how they selected the court and judge they will be clerking for and what the interview was like. Some former clerks may prefer to discuss their experiences over the phone. In general, however, applicants should not contact clerks who are currently in chambers. You should also feel free to contact professors who clerked. See Appendix B (“Faculty Who Have Held Judicial Clerkships”). Finally, the Clerkship Director may have valuable information about particular judges.

Online Resources

There are numerous electronic resources available to help you in your search.

CLS Judicial Clerkship Website – The Judicial Clerkships website contains all of the basic information that you will need to apply for a clerkship. Most notably, the website provides access to the Judicial Clerkship Handbook. The site also contains links to many key online resources such as OSCAR, Symplicity, the Vermont Guide to State Court Clerkships, the Senate Nominations and Confirmations page and many other websites. The site can be found at: http://web.law.columbia.edu/students/student-services/learning/judicial-clerkships. To access the site, use your Lawnet username and password.

The Symplicity Clerkship Module – Incorporated into this system is biographical and address information for all active federal judges and all state court judges included in the Judicial Yellowbook. In addition, you may search the database by type of court, judge name, judges who have hired CLS clerks (double-check Appendix A to the Clerkship Handbook on this point) and judges who are CLS alumni. The database also allows users to download and mail merge lists of judges for application purposes.

We have also folded into Symplicity all of our historical surveys from CLS clerks (“Clerkship Surveys”) and CLS students who interviewed with various judges (“Interview Surveys”). These surveys are designed to provide applicants with a window into chambers. Any available surveys will be accessible from a judge’s Symplicity profile page. Please note that the usefulness of this resource depends largely on applicant and clerk participation; we urge you to fill out the survey forms available on the database after your interviews and once you are off and clerking.

E-mail announcements – The Director of Judicial Clerkships will send clerkship announcements over the class list-serves as well as through personal e-mails. It is important to check your e-mail regularly for announcements pertaining to clerkships. Alumni interested in applying for clerkships should sign up to receive e-mail
announcements by registering in the Clerkships module of Symplicity and selecting “Yes” under “Clerkship Search Active.”

**Judges Directory** – The Federal Judicial Center sponsors a web site which includes biographical information on every federal judge. This site is useful for researching judges for application purposes and for preparation for interviews. The site includes educational and experiential background information on each judge as well as their date of appointment and in some cases their interests and hobbies. You may search the website by court type as well as race and ethnicity and/or gender. The FJC’s website is [www.fjc.gov](http://www.fjc.gov).

**Leadership Library** – This is an online version of the Judicial Yellow Book, which provides contact information for federal and state court judges. It is available at [http://lo.bvdep.com/default.asp?curp=1](http://lo.bvdep.com/default.asp?curp=1). Anyone logged into a computer through the Columbia network can access the directory by clicking on the yellow "log in to Leadership Online" tab. At the bottom of the page, there are also instructions for gaining access to this directory from your smartphone. We encourage you to sign up for mobile access so that you will have access to judges' contact information as necessary during the clerkship season.

**U.S. Senate Confirmations** – The U.S. Senate website catalogues all nominations and confirmations for the U.S. federal judiciary. This site is updated daily and the confirmations and nominations are located under the Judiciary heading. Monitoring this site may allow you to learn about and apply for clerkships with newly appointed judges, who may fall below the radar of other applicants. The confirmation site can be found at: [http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/nom_confc.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/nom_confc.htm) The nomination site can be found at: [http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/nom_cmtec.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/one_item_and_teasers/nom_cmtec.htm)

**The Vermont Guide to State Court Clerkships, Online** – The Vermont Guide is an incredibly useful resource that provides detailed information about state court clerkships throughout the country. To access the Guide, navigate to [http://www.vermontlaw.edu/job_search_resources/judicial_clerkship_and_internship_resources.htm](http://www.vermontlaw.edu/job_search_resources/judicial_clerkship_and_internship_resources.htm). Once you reach this site, click on "Complete Guide or a specific state." Contact the Clerkship Office for login information. Please note that the Guide for the 2014 application season likely will not be released until late summer 2014, at which point several state courts may have already hired their clerks. Consult the 2013 Guide and check the state court websites in the interim and contact the relevant personnel in each state to confirm hiring timing for 2014. The login to the 2013 Guide is “sugar” and the password is “maple.”

**The Almanac of Federal Judiciary** – The Almanac provides biographical information about federal judges as well as citations to key opinions. Students can access the almanac through the “AFJ” database on Westlaw. A paper copy is also available in the Clerkship office.
I. HOW DO I KNOW IF A JUDGE IS HIRING?

In 2008, The Online System for Clerkship Application and Review (“OSCAR,” discussed later in this Handbook) merged with the Federal Law Clerk Information System such that all federal clerkship postings are supposed to be posted on the OSCAR system. As a result, OSCAR identifies both available clerkship positions and information about judges’ hiring requirements, including requested application materials and whether a judge prefers to receive applications electronically through OSCAR, in hard copy by mail or by some other means (e.g., email). OSCAR is not yet available to 2Ls, but will likely become available over the next few months. We will keep you updated on any OSCAR developments and on any hiring information that comes to light before OSCAR becomes available to you.

It is important to note that although judges are routinely encouraged to update their OSCAR profiles with current information, not all do. If the profile that you see online appears out of date, you may want to contact chambers (or the Clerkship Office) to determine if a judge is hiring for the next clerkship term. Additionally, some judges have opted not to include any information in OSCAR (they appear as grayed out on the system). For these judges, interested applicants will again need to contact chambers.

SECTION IV: COMPETITION: WHERE WILL I BE ABLE TO GET A CLERKSHIP?

Hard Copy Resources:

The following resources are currently located in the Clerkship Office, unless otherwise noted.

**Almanac of the Federal Judiciary**: A comprehensive set of biographies of all federal judges, including notations of key opinions and practitioner commentary. Also available on Westlaw.

**The American Bench** - A comprehensive biographical directory of judges sitting in all federal and state courts. It includes jurisdictional and geographical information on the courts.

**BNA's (Bureau of National Affairs) Directory of State & Federal Courts, Judges & Clerks** - Describes levels of court jurisdiction and case types in the federal and state courts. Also provides a state-by-state listing of all judges.

**Directory of Minority Judges of the United States** - ABA, Judicial Division, Task Force of Minorities in the Judiciary.

**The Judicial Yellow Book** - Provides biographical and contact information for judges, including current clerks.
The competition for clerkships is intense, and no student can be guaranteed a clerkship. The level of competition does vary, however, depending upon several factors, some or all of which you may want to take into account when you decide where to apply.

A. THE COURT

Circuit Courts. Other than in connection with U.S. Supreme Court clerkships, competition for clerkships is generally most intense in the federal circuit courts. Within the circuits, the competition is most intense in the D.C., Second, Seventh and Ninth Circuits. Accordingly, if your interest is in a federal circuit court clerkship, you should also consider other circuits, even if you are a highly qualified candidate. Remember that there are terrific opportunities throughout the country, and you are only committing to move for one (possibly two) year(s) of your life.

District Courts. Within the federal district courts, competition is most intense in major metropolitan centers such as New York City, Boston, the District of Columbia, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Among CLS applicants, competition is often most keen in the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. Applying to a geographically broader range of district courts will dramatically increase your chances of getting a clerkship. Your list of courts must, of course, have some limits. Typically, students apply to cities near where they grew up, went to college, have some other connection, may want to live in the future, or where a particularly interesting judge sits. You should not, however, feel limited by this list; you should simply be able to explain to a judge why you are interested in clerking in the city in which (s)he sits.

Magistrate Judges. While often neglected, many federal magistrate judges offer terrific clerking opportunities. Magistrate judges assist district courts with their work, often handling significant amounts of motion practice (the very type of work that most large law firm attorneys do). In many federal districts (including the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York), the practicing bar holds certain magistrates in high esteem. It is important, however, to perform due diligence on each magistrate judge to determine the scope of his or her work.

State Courts. Some CLS students restrict their applications to the federal bench and ignore outstanding state court clerkship opportunities, including appellate and high court opportunities that they may be unable to obtain at the federal level. However, many state courts have superb reputations and CLS alums have fantastic experiences clerking for them. Because state courts do not see as many CLS applicants as their federal counterparts, a CLS applicant could get more attention on the state court level. In some states perhaps more than others, the presence of a local connection may strengthen a student’s application.

For specific information on all state courts log into the Vermont Guide to State Judicial Clerkships (see above under Online Resources).

Specialized Courts. Excellent clerking opportunities can also be found with the specialized federal courts. If your career interests are in tax, consider the U.S. Tax Court; in intellectual property, consider the Federal Circuit; and in bankruptcy, consider the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts. Again, the pool of applicants to these courts may be smaller that of other federal courts, and your application may stand out more at these courts than it would in a district or circuit court.
B. LOCATION

As noted above, certain circuit and district court clerkships are extremely competitive in part because of the geographic region that the courts cover. The Second, Ninth, Seventh and D.C. Circuits tend to receive the largest number of applications from CLS and other students, and consequently, they are often the most competitive circuits in which to get a clerkship. Similarly, district courts in major metropolitan areas like New York, Boston, the District of Columbia, Los Angeles and San Francisco are flooded with clerkship applications every year. You will dramatically increase your chances of getting a clerkship if you apply outside of these regions.

Even within circuits and districts, the competition for clerkships varies depending upon location. For example, a Second Circuit judge who sits in Manhattan is likely to receive more applications than a judge on the same circuit who sits in upstate New York. Similarly, a judge from the Eastern District of Pennsylvania who sits in Philadelphia will probably receive a larger number of applicants than her colleague in Allentown. Again, to increase your chances of getting a clerkship, you should consider applying to clerk in these less popular cities.

It is critical to remember that there are smart, wonderful judges who sit outside of major cities and in historically less popular circuits. And even if you don’t know anyone in a particular city, there is an instant community of clerks within every chamber and courthouse. Moreover, students who spend a year or two clerking in a small city or town routinely return to New York, Washington, D.C., etc. to practice law after clerking. Remember, a clerkship is typically a one (or two) year job; exploring a smaller, less known city is often an exciting experience for that time.

C. THE LENGTH OF THE CLERKSHIP: ONE VS. TWO YEAR POSITIONS

Your chances of obtaining a clerkship will also improve if you are prepared to clerk for two years. While a significant percentage of the federal district court judges now insist on two-year clerkships, many Columbia applicants apply only to "one-year" judges. By limiting themselves in this way, most Columbia applicants effectively exclude themselves from consideration for a large percentage of available clerkships.

While some applicants fear that the second year of a two-year clerkship will become routine and therefore less challenging and exciting, most two-year clerks will in fact tell you that their second year is in most ways more interesting than the first. By the second year, a clerk knows the ropes, understands the workings of chambers, and has a junior clerk to help him. As a result, second-year clerks often assume more significant responsibilities. In addition, a two-year clerkship fosters an even deeper connection with the judge and further hones research, writing and other important skills. Moreover, for students entering private practice after clerking, most firms will count both clerkship years as years of work for purposes of seniority and salary.

D. SENIOR JUDGES

Upon reaching age sixty-five, a federal circuit or district court judge can, at her discretion, elect to take senior status. Taking senior status allows a judge greater control over his or her docket and workload. Senior judges can, for example, choose not to hear a certain type of case. They can also opt to sit by designation on a court other than the
one to which they were appointed. The number of clerks that a senior judge hires correlates to his or her workload. Students often exclude wonderful clerkship opportunities – including some that are functionally equivalent to clerkships with active judges – by limiting their applications to active status judges. Instead, we recommend researching senior judges to attempt to determine the size and nature of their caseloads.

E. SOME HISTORICAL HIRING INFORMATION ABOUT TIMING, COURTS, JOURNAL WORK AND GRADES

It is impossible to predict with certainty who will and who will not get clerkships each year. While virtually all judges take into account a student’s grades, recommendations, and writing sample when selecting a clerk, there are a myriad of other factors—many of which cannot be predicted or categorized – that go into a selection. Ultimately, judges are selecting a clerk to work as part of a very small office with very real deadlines; accordingly, factors like personality, prior experience, and work habits may play more of a role in the clerkship process than they do in other job searches.

Students in the class of 2014 are continuing to be hired for clerkships into the fall of 2013. Compared to prior years, a higher number of students in the class of 2014 were hired for clerkships that begin not immediately upon graduation, but at least one year later, in the fall of 2015 or beyond.

As usual, the majority of clerkships obtained were in federal district courts, with smaller numbers of students going to federal circuit courts, magistrate judges, specialized courts and state courts.

The vast majority of students who obtained clerkships participated in journals and on journal boards. This is not surprising since the vast majority of CLS students participate on journals, and since judges value journal work for preparing students for the careful research and writing that they will do during their clerkships. Historically, success rates have varied among journals, with the Columbia Law Review having the highest placement rate. There have not been appreciable differences between the success rates of students on journals other than the Law Review.

There is no “magic GPA number” that ensures a student a judicial clerkship; however, grades are an important factor that you should consider when you come up with your judge list. Some courts, such as the D.C., Second and Ninth Circuits, have generally only hired students whose grades put them very close to the top of the class, generally within “Kent” range. The district courts in major metropolitan areas on the east and west coasts and in Chicago have also historically been particularly grades-sensitive. Many judges on these courts care deeply about other factors such as work experience, writing, research, strong recommendations, diversity, personality fit, interests, etc. However, you will dramatically increase your chances of obtaining a clerkship if you do not limit yourself to these most competitive locations.

SECTION V: THE APPLICATION PROCESS
A. THE FEDERAL LAW CLERK HIRING PLAN

In March 2002, most U.S. federal judges adopted a new plan for law clerk hiring (the “Hiring Plan”). Among other things, the Hiring Plan established a timeline for students applying for federal court clerkships. The Hiring Plan does not apply to students after the beginning of the 3L year or to state courts. Students are urged to check the Vermont Guide to State Court Clerkships and the websites of the state courts in which you are interested to learn about their hiring processes.

In the past few years, fewer and fewer judges have followed the Hiring Plan and its future is currently unclear. We will update this handbook as new developments unfold, and you should also pay close attention to communications from the Clerkship Office regarding early hiring.

B. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

If you would like the Clerkship Office to assist with the submission of your clerkship applications, you will need to focus on compiling those applications and shepherding the necessary materials to the Clerkship Office. The applications will generally consist of a cover letter, resume, transcript(s), writing sample(s), and letters of recommendation.

Typically, the Clerkship Office has established internal deadlines for the submission of these materials that are keyed to the Hiring Plan. This year, we believe that applications are more likely to go out on a rolling basis, similar to how they have always been for alums. Accordingly, you can assume that you can deliver materials to the Clerkship Office on a rolling basis and that they will be mailed out on a rolling basis, with more details to follow.

Key Steps to Take if you are Applying for Clerkships:

1. Email Rochelle Dechowitz in the Clerkship Office at rochelle.dechowitz@law.columbia.edu with the following information: (1) your status as a 2L, 3L or alum, (2) that you will be applying for clerkships, (3) the names of your recommenders and (4) your signed Confidentiality Waiver Forms to the Clerkship Office. You can download these forms from the Clerkship Website. Please use one form total for all of your recommenders.

2. Submit to your recommenders the materials necessary for them to write a letter of recommendation.

3. Follow the instructions on Symplicity to create mail merge files including the judges to whom you will be applying and send those documents to your recommenders’ assistants and the Clerkship Office. If you are using different recommenders for
different judges, you must provide the Clerkship Office with a separate list showing which recommenders go with which judges. See Appendix D for a sample format for this list.

Since your judge list is likely to evolve over time, please make sure that you send new merge files for each new group of judges to whom you are applying.

4. Submit your paper and email applications to the Clerkship Office and have your recommenders do the same with their recommendation letters. Please remember to sign your cover letters and include mailing labels.

5. Once OSCAR becomes available to you, make sure to upload and finalize your OSCAR applications.

C. OBTAINING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

As noted above, your registration with the Clerkship Office will include a list of your recommenders. You are responsible for obtaining and shepherding these recommendations through the application process until the point at which they are delivered to the Clerkship Office. Letters of recommendation are critical pieces of your application. In order to ensure that your applications are submitted promptly, you must make sure that your recommenders get their letters to our office in advance of any application deadlines.

You will typically need **three** letters of recommendation, although the number of recommendations that you will need does vary from one judge to the next (some only require two letters). **It is your responsibility to check the Online System for Clerkship Application and Review (“OSCAR”) to find out each judge’s requirements. If no information is available, you should assume that you will need three letters.**

Please make sure to use whatever name you are using on your clerkship application documents (including a last name) in correspondence with recommenders and their assistants, since your email address does not always contain your name and it can be difficult to match up nicknames with applications.

**Whom Should I Approach for a Recommendation?**

When deciding who to approach for recommendations, your primary focus should be on who will be able to write you the strongest, most detailed letter. At least one – but ideally more than one – of your recommenders should be familiar with your writing. Students often approach faculty members for whom they have done research or individual writing or with whom they have worked closely in some context (e.g., in a clinic), seminar professors, faculty that they’ve visited during office hours, and other recommenders with whom they have been able to foster a meaningful relationship. It is
also best to approach faculty members who have given you strong grades. Some students go beyond the faculty (full time and adjunct) and approach legal employers for letters; this is fine as long as the employer has closely supervised your legal work and will be able to write a meaningful letter. We typically do not recommend including more than one letter from an employer, although that can vary for alumni.

In the course of trying to decide who to approach for recommendations, you should feel free to ask the faculty whether they feel able to write the kind of recommendation that is likely to materially help your application. You should never feel bashful about raising this issue directly with any of your potential recommenders; it is an entirely appropriate subject for discussion. In general, you can proceed on the assumption that faculty will be receptive to your approaches and will write the best possible letters. One sure way of getting a recommender better acquainted with you is to meet with him/her one or more times so that s/he can learn something more about you and your interests.

**Logistics**

Once you identify your faculty recommenders, you must arrange for the production of the letters of recommendation with each professor recommender and/or his/her assistant directly. In order to begin preparing and processing your letters of recommendation, each recommender will need a packet that includes the materials set forth below at least a few weeks in advance of when you need them to complete their letters of recommendation. You should, however, check with your recommenders to see if they require these materials on an earlier date, or any additional material:

**Materials That You Must Submit To Your Recommenders:**

- A tentative list of judges to whom you are going to apply (either typed up on your own or created from Symplicity); and
- A copy of your resume
- **A Personal Statement** (1 page or under) that highlights helpful information about your candidacy for your recommenders. You might want to take this as an opportunity to (i) remind your instructors of key contacts you have had with them, and how those contacts relate to your legal education or future plans, (ii) highlight relevant skills, experiences, or strengths that you possess, or (iii) note any unique accomplishments that don’t jump off of your resume (e.g., concert pianist, professional chef, etc.).

**Materials That You Might Want To Submit To Your Recommenders:**

Ask your faculty member if you can provide any additional sources to aid in their drafting of your letter. Recommenders may find the following documents helpful:

- Short summary of why you want to clerk;
- Transcript; and
- Clerkship writing sample.
You must copy your recommenders’ assistants on all correspondence with your recommenders. If your faculty recommender is (1) a full-time faculty member who does not have a faculty assistant, or (2) an adjunct faculty member that is teaching at CLS during the 2013-14 academic year, you should copy Doribel Rodriguez (drodri3@law.columbia.edu) in the Office of the Faculty Secretariat.

You must also submit to the Clerkship Office signed Confidentiality Waiver Forms. This form – which must be downloaded from the clerkship webpage (http://web.law.columbia.edu/students/student-services/learning/judicial-clerkships/application-information) – waives your right to see your letters of recommendation. While you are not required to waive this right, we strongly recommend that you do so.

You must provide to your recommenders and their faculty assistants an Excel “merge file” with the contact information for each list of judges to whom you are applying well in advance of when you need letters of recommendation generated. Instructions on how to create this merge file can be downloaded from the Judicial Clerkship website or Symplicity. The merge file must contain a tab listing all judges to whom you will submit paper applications and a tab listing all judges to whom you will submit applications by any means other than OSCAR (e.g., via email). (It is also useful to include a tab listing the judges to whom you will apply electronically via OSCAR.) Your recommender cannot generate a paper letter of recommendation without your merge file. Once your recommender completes your letter of recommendation, his or her assistant will (using the file that you submit) finalize the paper letters and forward them to the Clerkship Office. The Clerkship Office will add your recommendations to your application packet.

A Word About “Outside” Recommenders

Some students opt to ask an employer or other non-faculty member to write a letter of recommendation. This is perfectly acceptable, and often helpful. If you are obtaining letters of recommendation from (i) adjunct faculty members who have not taught during the 2013-14 academic year, (ii) employers, or (iii) anyone else outside of the law school, you must coordinate the logistics obtaining those letters on your own. You must also identify a recommender as coming from outside of the CLS faculty in your registration with the Clerkship Office.

Please be aware that although recommenders who are not affiliated with the Law School can provide wonderful substantive letters, working with them can carry logistical complications since these recommenders are often unfamiliar with the recommendation process and the mail merge system. Students should stay in close contact with these outside recommenders. Recommenders are free to contact the Clerkship Office for an explanation of recommendation procedures and logistics, but generally outside recommenders are expected to process their own letters and then mail them to the Clerkship Office as needed. Because outside recommenders often need extra technical assistance, we caution you to stay abreast of the status of your letters throughout the summer. Recommendation letters should be brought in to the Clerkship Office or mailed to:
Important Note re: Obtaining Letters Before Graduation:

If you think that you are going to want to apply for a clerkship after you graduate, you should contact your recommenders before graduation. It is much easier for your professors to draft a meaningful letter of recommendation shortly after they taught you in class than two years down the road. Contacting your professors before graduation enables them to draft your letter while their memories are fresh.
What makes for a successful recommendation?

The comments that follow from former Columbia clerks strongly suggest that their judges prefer letters that will tell them something about you as an individual, rather than a “generic” letter of recommendation.

"A personal and particularized recommendation, especially from someone the judge respects, will get you an interview. After that, personality mattered most with my judge."

"A recommendation that makes the student stand out by including examples of initiative or creativity. Something about the personality suggesting you’d want to spend a year with this person in cramped quarters."

"Personal knowledge of the applicant. Recommendations that discuss relevant demonstrated capacities/skills that a judge would like to see in clerks (bright, responsible, good judgment, good writer, hardworking)."

"Letters that discuss personality, work habits, etc. It is important to show that the recommender really knows and likes the applicant."

"The recommender should be detailed, discuss writing (if possible, discuss the writing sample supplied by the applicant), and should be honest, but generous, with praise."

"Judges definitely focus on the resume, so recapping the resume is unhelpful. Details of the recommender’s association with the applicant are more helpful. Will the applicant be productive? Hard-working? Easy to get along with for the judge and other staff? Unpretentious?"

"I think the main purpose of a recommendation is to present the human side - not to list accomplishments."

"A recommender should make specific positive comments on the applicant's skills and/or likely skills as a law clerk."

"Make the recommendation personal. If this requires that the professor and student go out to lunch, then do that, even if the professor has to initiate it. Form letters do no good."
SECTION VI: COMPILING AND SUBMITTING YOUR CLERKSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications are submitted to judges either (i) on paper, (ii) via email or (iii) electronically (via the OSCAR system discussed below), depending upon the method selected by each judge. Each judge’s preferred method of application is posted on OSCAR.

The contents of both types of applications are identical and the guidelines established under the Law Clerk Hiring Plan apply to both kinds of applications.

A. THE APPLICATION PACKAGE

Your application packet must include the following:

Cover Letter

As a general rule, your cover letter should be brief, free of any typographical errors, and printed on high quality paper. It should also identify your recommenders and all other materials that will be enclosed in your application packet. See Appendix C for some sample cover letters. Please note: you should not copy the language from the sample letters exactly, or all CLS cover letters will look suspiciously similar to judges!

Students often ask whether their cover letter should include details such as an explanation of why they want to clerk and why they would be a strong clerk. The cover letter is a good place to highlight your unique qualifications (relevant experiences, prior work life, future career goals) or reasons why you have a particular reason for applying to a specific judge, city, or court. For example, if you have a strong public interest focus and believe a particular judge would respond to this, or if you are applying to a judge in or near your home town, you may want to address these points in your cover letter. Similarly, if you have a unique and relevant work background that may set you apart from other applicants, you may consider discussing this briefly. We do not, however, advise you to use your cover letter as a way to explain why, in general, you want to clerk or would be a great law clerk or as a forum in which to recap your resume. Do not say that you want to clerk to improve your research and writing skills. Judges want clerks whose research and writing skills are already impeccable.

Even if you include additional information, your cover letter should be concise. Students who wish to submit a more substantive letter are encouraged to submit the letter to the clerkship director for review.

Clerkship Resume

Your resume should, to the extent possible, emphasize research, writing, and analytical skills and can general be similar to a private sector resume (including an “Interests” line). It should be printed on high quality paper. If you are applying to judges in or near your home town, you should include your “permanent” local address as well as your CLS address on your resume. You are encouraged to discuss your resume with the clerkship director.
**Law School Transcript**

Unless a judge specifies otherwise, an unofficial CLS transcript is acceptable for clerkship purposes. Students often obtain an unofficial transcript by downloading a copy of their Lawnet transcript; if you do this, please remember to put your name on the top of the page. **Should you opt to send an official transcript, it is your responsibility to obtain a copy this document from the University Registrar.** Instructions for obtaining a copy of your official transcript appear on the “Transcripts” tab of the CLS Registration Services webpage. OSCAR requires applicants to fill out an “OSCAR Grade Sheet;” you cannot upload your transcript to OSCAR.

Your transcript should include all of your first and second year grades and any honors that you have received. Accordingly, we strongly discourage students from taking extensions on written work during their second year. If all of your grades have not been submitted by the time that you submit your applications, you will likely not be able to include academic honors on the transcript that you submit to chambers.

**Other Transcripts**

Some judges will request copies of your undergraduate or other graduate school transcripts. Again, it is your responsibility to review the requirements of each judge to whom you are applying and obtain the necessary documents from other schools. To the extent that it is available, this information is posted on OSCAR. Please note that it often takes several weeks to obtain copies of transcripts from other schools.

**An Unedited Writing Sample**

Your writing sample should be your best piece of legal writing to date, e.g., your Note, a memo that you wrote at your summer job (pending your employer’s approval), a moot court brief, a bench memo, or a paper that you wrote for class. If possible, you should try to limit the length of your submission to approximately 15 pages, though this is not a hard and fast rule. For example, some applicants submit their entire Note, particularly if it will be or has been published. Many applicants excerpt a longer work. If you choose to submit an excerpt, you should attach a cover sheet explaining this. Your writing sample should be your own work, unedited by others.

**Letters of Recommendation**

Once you have arranged for the creation of your paper letters of recommendation (see above), your recommenders’ faculty assistants will send those letters to the Clerkship Office, and the office will add the letters to your application packets before they are sent out. As noted above, it is your responsibility to coordinate with any outside recommenders.

**B. PAPER APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

If you would like the Clerkship Office to send out your paper applications, you must deliver to us a box containing your cover letter, resume, transcript, writing
sample, and any other documents your judges require, other than letters of recommendation. Letters from all recommenders, whether internal to CLS or external, should be brought to Student Services or mailed to the Clerkship Office at the following mailing address:
Columbia Law School Office of Student Services
Attn: Clerkship Office
435 W. 116th St., MB B-25
New York, NY 10027

We ask that you make sure that any application materials are delivered to our office as far as possible in advance of when you need them mailed. Two weeks is a good guideline, and we will work to send out mailings as promptly as our resources allow.

When you bring your clerkship applications to the Law School, you will transfer them into 8.5 x 11 CLS envelopes and affix mailing labels that you must create ahead of time using Symplicity and a template posted on the Symplicity clerkship module. Applications must be alphabetized by judge last name within the box.

Attached to the box must also be a list (see Appendix D for a suggested format) that identifies:

(1) The judges to whom you are applying via paper applications (with special instructions for any state court judges to whom you will be submitted early applications, which should be separated from your federal applications);
(2) The judges to whom you are applying online via OSCAR (discussed below);
(3) Any judges to whom you are applying via email or other means with special instructions;
(3) The recommendations that are to be added to each application; and

You may also mail your applications to:
Columbia Law School Office of Student Services
Attn: Clerkship Office
435 W. 116th St., MB B-25
New York, NY 10027

If you are mailing in your applications, please contact the Clerkship Director before you do, so that we can make sure that your box contains everything it should.

C. APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH OSCAR

The Online System for Clerkship Application and Review (“OSCAR”) is an online application system that allows applicants to file some federal clerkship applications electronically. OSCAR also contains all information about judges’ hiring requirements, including requested application materials and whether a judge prefers to receive applications via OSCAR or on paper. (Thus, just because a judge is listed in OSCAR does not mean that s/he prefers electronic applications). As noted above, OSCAR is not yet open to 2Ls, but we will let you
know when it opens and keep you apprised of clerkship developments in the interim.

An application submitted through OSCAR will contain the same information as an application submitted on paper (a cover letter, resume, transcript, writing sample, and letters of recommendation), but you will upload those documents onto the OSCAR system once rather than submitting them manually.

The OSCAR system is user friendly, and students should be able to register and navigate the system on their own. To access the system and to download a copy of the user manual, visit https://oscar.symplicity.com. You can contact Anne Green or Rochelle Dechowitz with any OSCAR-related questions. As noted above, with the exception of recommendations, students are expected to upload application documents to OSCAR themselves. Students then indicate who their recommenders are on OSCAR under “Choose Recommenders,” which will prompt OSCAR to send emails to the recommenders and their assistants (or, in the case of adjuncts, Doribel Rodriguez in the Secretariat). The recommenders’ assistants will upload your recommendations to the system for you. Outside recommenders are also expected to upload these letters and will likely need help from you and/or the Clerkship Office.

It is important to understand that judges choose whether or not to participate in OSCAR and accept applications online, and you may only apply via OSCAR to judges who have decided to use this system. If a judge only accepts online applications on OSCAR, the Clerkship Office will not send that judge a paper application. As noted above, when you submit your box of clerkship applications to the Clerkship Office, you must attach to that box a list of judges that you will be applying to via OSCAR.

Please also note that even after you submit paper applications, judges will continue to update their OSCAR profiles, and some will indicate a preference for electronic applications. All registered OSCAR users will receive email notices about these updates. It is critical that you pay attention to these OSCAR notices. If an applicant submits a paper application in July for a judge who indicates a preference for an electronic application in August, CLS will not mail the paper application.

Finally, please note that there may be limits related to how many open OSCAR applications an applicant may have within a given cycle. Last year, the limit was 100 applications. As positions are filled, expire or you withdraw from them, you will be allowed to apply to additional positions.

SECTION VII: INTERVIEWS & OFFERS

The clerkship interview process is often shrouded in uncertainty and confusion. Every individual judge is a separate employer, sometimes hiring only for a single position, setting her own timetable and using her own criteria. Your applications will often go unacknowledged. You should expect interview appointments to be arranged at short notice and even canceled if a candidate that a judge has just seen is offered and accepts the clerkship. Some general suggestions should help you navigate this process.
A. SCHEDULING YOUR INTERVIEWS

The Hiring Plan sets out specific dates on which federal judges can start (i) scheduling interviews of third-year law students and (ii) conducting interviews with those students. Remember that law school graduates are exempt from these dates.

Once you start receiving calls, you will have to set your interview schedule. The order of your interviews is, in part, up to you, and you should put careful thought into how to set your calendar. There is, however, no tried and true way to guarantee that offers will come in the order that you want. If you are interviewing with several judges in the same city and want to try to schedule more than one interview in a day, you should ask chambers how long interviews tend to last. When setting your schedule, keep in mind that many judges make offers either during or shortly after the interview and often expect a response from you within a very short time. The unpredictable nature of this interview process underscores the premise that you should only apply to judges for whom you really want to clerk.

Particularly because travel to an interview is conducted at your expense, if you receive an interview with one judge on a distant court, it is acceptable to inform other judges on that court of the specific dates when you will be in town in order to give them the opportunity to schedule an interview. Use common sense when engaging in this practice. The Eastern District of New York is not considered “distant,” and judges are not likely to look kindly upon calls from Columbia law students trying to parlay one EDNY interview into another.

B. PREPARING FOR THE INTERVIEW

Before an interview, you should know as much as you can about both the judge and yourself. You should use all of the resources discussed above to find out everything you can about the judge. Look at the entry in the Almanac of the Federal Judiciary. Check the Clerkship Handbook and the clerkship module of Symplicity to see if the judge has had previous CLS clerks (be mindful, though, that calling a current clerk puts that clerk in an uncomfortable position). Read the interview evaluations available in Symplicity. If the judge has not recently had a CLS clerk, try talking to CLS clerks for other judges in the same court. See if faculty members know the judge. You can even try to reach out to former clerks who did not go to CLS but may still be willing to talk to you. Always know where the judge went to law school and what he or she did before ascending to the bench; you are much less likely to be surprised in the interview if you know something about the judge's background. You may also find areas of common interest that you will want to discuss during your interview.

Lexis and Westlaw also make it easy to learn about the judge's opinions and positions. Before interviewing with a judge, you should review a handful of her opinions (you should not endeavor to read every opinion authored by a judge). Many judges will ask you if you have read any of their work and may ask you to substantively discuss an opinion (or other publication) that interests you.

You should also be prepared to discuss everything that appears on your resume, including your writing and any personal interests. Be prepared to discuss the points of law in your writing sample. In addition, some judges will want to know why it is you
want to clerk. Other judges — particularly those who like to see their clerks go on to practice locally — will be interested in your future plans. Remember, anything that you bring up (career plans, favorite courses, etc.) may lead to follow-up questions. Be prepared to answer the follow-ups.

Finally, you should go in armed with questions for the judge and his or her clerks. Questions reflect your interest in the position and preparation for the interview, and you will almost certainly be asked if you have any.

C. THE INTERVIEW

There is no “standard” clerkship interview, and the structure of interviews varies from one judge to another. Typically, however, clerkship applicants meet with both the judge and her clerks. You may also meet with the judge’s secretary or deputy. You should treat everyone that you meet with the same high level of respect.

Meeting the Clerks and Staff

Current clerks play varying roles in a judge’s decision-making. In some chambers, they play little or no active role at all; they will meet applicants to discuss their own experience but play little or no role in either the preliminary screening or the judge's final deliberations. However, in some chambers the clerks are quite involved in the process. Since you can never be sure what role the clerks play in the chambers you may be visiting, it is always wise to assume that the clerks do play a significant role and treat them accordingly. You should also assume the judge’s secretary and/or deputy plays a similar role. This person is usually a long time employee and also very close to the judge. Treat them all with a great deal of respect.
Some judges conduct very formal interviews that focus on substantive legal questions (most commonly, issues arising from your writing sample). Others touch only briefly on substantive law and prefer more casual conversation about current events, your favorite novel, or why you want to clerk in the city in which she sits. Again, you should reach out to CLS alums and read interview evaluations to find out about a judge’s interview style. Above all, remember that this is the judge’s opportunity to get to know you and to gauge whether or not you will fit in well in her chambers. Remember that the interview is not a courtroom experience. Accordingly, you should not address the judge as "Your Honor," but rather as "Judge X". For sample interview questions, check out Debra Strauss’ Behind the Bench: The Guide to Judicial Clerkships, which can be found in the Law Library.

You should also be prepared to ask the judge some questions of your own. You may want to explore the type of cases that typically appear on the docket, how work is divided between the clerks, and/or the responsibilities of the clerks. Think of some questions before your interview and let others flow from what you learn during the interview.

The comments of some Columbia clerks about the interview itself may be helpful to you:

- "Unlike job interviewing, you are not there to find out about the firm and the quality of life, etc. The judge wants to know you. Judges will likely ask you about your writing, your classes, etc. Get an idea what that judge has worked on, noteworthy opinions, etc. Personality is also a biggie as the judge has to put up with you in close quarters for a year."

- "I can only speak for Judge X, but once you’ve been selected for the interview, he’s confident of your academic credentials. In the interview, he’s looking to see whether you’d be fun, interesting, and stimulating to spend a year with."

- "Reread your note - good discussion topic. Think about valuable experiences you’ve had in law school - favorite class, good prof, interesting summer job and why, etc. Be formal - many judges are not laid back and don’t take well to casualness."

- "The judge is looking for someone he wants to have around 10 hours a day for a year, and for someone who can get along with the other clerk. I found that we eliminated 0% of the interviewees on the basis of grades, and 2% of the remainder because their resumes were fairly ordinary, and then chose the winning candidate because he/she seemed like he/she would be the most fun to have around."
D. RECEIVING AND ACCEPTING AN OFFER

The process of clerkship offers and acceptances is unlike any other. When offers come, you typically have very little time to decide whether to accept them; some judges require answers on the spot, some at the end of the day, and many by the following morning. It is rare to have even as much as a week to consider an offer. Given this backdrop, it is important that after you complete your interviews, you have a good idea of what clerkship(s) you would accept. Although the student may ask for some time to think it over, the judge is under no obligation to grant this request, and in fact, might be put off by the request. You should also be aware that you may get calls and offers from your fifth or fourth choice judges before your first or second choice judge begins to hire.

Because of the fast-paced nature of the offer and acceptance process, you should do your best to apply to only those judges for whom you are truly interested in working and with whom you will accept a clerkship if offered one. Columbia's reputation, and the chances of other Columbia applicants, can be damaged by the refusals of applicants to accept clerkships offered to them. If, after interviewing with a judge, you begin to reconsider the attractiveness of a certain clerkship or your compatibility with the judge, you should withdraw your application by phone. Doing so looks far better than resigning from a clerkship where you are unhappy.

While it is appropriate to “parlay” interviews, you should be more cautious about “parlaying” offers. Judges—particularly those that sit in the same district or circuit—are colleagues who frequently share information about the clerkship process. A judge might be put off by the notion of “stealing” her colleague’s potential clerk.

Promptly after accepting an offer, please contact the Clerkship Director and inform her of your decision. Keeping the Clerkship Office up to date on all accepted clerkships enables us to provide current and future CLS students with accurate information. We also ask that you fill out Interview Evaluations (and later, Clerkship Evaluations) on Symplicity. This information is EXTREMELY helpful to future Columbia applicants.

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A judicial clerkship is an exciting and rewarding opportunity. The process of applying for a clerkship can, however, be daunting. Although we hope that this manual will help you navigate this process, students are strongly encouraged to contact the Clerkship Office for additional assistance and advice.
APPENDIX A

“Historical Tracker”:
List of Columbia Law School Graduates that Clerked

Please note: The year listed after a student’s name is the year of the student’s clerkship, except where marked with an asterisk. Where marked with an asterisk, the year listed represents the year of law school graduation.

In addition, information about retired or deceased judges is only complete for Supreme Court Justices. Limited information in this regard is listed for certain other judges.
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Elaine Golin ‘96
Theodore Nemeroff ‘09

Judge Bruce Selya
Sam Salganik ‘13

Judge David Souter
(now SCOTUS retired)
John Sullivan ‘85

Judge Norman Stahl
Gordon Pearson ‘94
William Kirschner ‘96
Dorothy Kim ‘98

Judge Ojetta Thompson
Anita Hertell (LLM) ‘13

Judge Juan R. Torruella
Harold Neu ‘92
Patricia Aragones ‘95
Hyung Bak ‘97
Allison Huppe ‘00
Katherine Caldwell ‘03
Rebecca F. Terrell ‘04
Anne Lee ‘06
Kimberly Sanchez ‘07
Zaid Zaid ‘07
Adriel C. Derieux ‘11
Hiba Hafiz ‘12

SECOND CIRCUIT

Judge Jose Cabranes
Charlotte Davidson ‘97
Saul Zipkin ‘03
Ben Trachtenbe ‘05
Matthew Podolsky ‘12
Andrew Beaty ‘13
Benjamin Schrier ‘15

Judge Richard J.
Cardamone
Satish Kini ‘92
Seetha Ramachandran ‘99
Lisa Zeidner ‘05

Judge Susan Carney
Megan Crowley ‘13

Judge Denny Chin
Jane Kim ‘11
Margaret Winterkorn ‘12
Amanda Meyer ‘13

Judge Wilfred Feinberg
Adam Gale ‘91
Harry Ballan ‘92
Lawrence Gerschwer ‘93
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Tad Stanke ‘95
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Robert Liubicic ‘98
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Andrew Tannenbaum ‘00
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Jenniferaurin ‘03
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Jeffrey Vernon ‘08
Patrick Somers ‘07
Jeff Newton ‘10

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Jaren Casazza ‘04
Arun Subramanian ‘04
Benjamin Naftalis ‘05
Michael Paisner ‘05
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(now SCOTUS)
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Ginger Anders '02
Hannah Shay '04
Kevin Whelan

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Sarah Burghart ‘11  
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**Judge Guy R. Cole**  
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Cherelle Glimp ‘13

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Omid Nasab ‘06

**Judge Martha Daughtrey**  
Maureen Alger ‘98  
Herman (Rusty) Johnson ‘99

**Judge Julia Smith Gibbons**  
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NINTH CIRCUIT

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Lisa Ells

Judge Jay Bybee
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Dennis Kitt ‘10

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Caryn Davies ‘13

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Antonio Martini ‘91
Alexander Yanos ‘93
Stephen DiPrima ‘95

Judge Warren Ferguson
Angela Lloyd ‘94

Judge Ferdinand F. Fernandez
Jill Sperber ‘00

Judge Raymond Fisher
Moez Kaba ‘05
Anthony O’Rourke ‘06

Judge Betty B. Fletcher
Trevor Morrison ‘98
Lewis Yelin ‘00
Patty Ferguson ‘01
Greg Diamond ‘02
Shilpi Agarwal ‘10

Judge William Fletcher
Peggy Cross ‘01
Andrew Schwartz ‘01
Jesse Creed ‘11

Judge Alfred Goodwin
J. Keith Christian ‘99
Gretchen Evans ‘99

Judge Ronald Gould
Charles Honig ‘00
Eli Alper ‘08

Judge Susan B. Graber
Susan Reid ‘11

Judge Cynthia Holcomb Hall
Geoffrey Goldman ‘96

Judge Michael Daly Hawkins
David Oshinsky ‘96
Thomas Healy ‘99
David Crowley ‘07

Judge Sandra Ikuta
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John Schwab ‘13

Judge M. Margaret McKeown
Shane Stansbury ‘01
Derek Ettinger ‘08
Devi Rao ‘10
Justin Steil ‘12

Judge Mary Murguia
Kate Lazarus ‘11
Matt Cormack ‘12

Judge D. Wright Nelson
Jennifer Stark ‘11

Judge John Noonan
John Lundin ‘97
Nicole Barrett ‘01
Mary Kelly Persyn ‘11
Jenny Ma ‘13

Judge Diarmuid O’Scahannain
Thomas Ward ‘96
Jason Criss ‘99
Rodman Forter ‘06

Judge Cecil F. Poole
Daniel Feldman ‘94

Judge Harry Pregerson
Bayron Gilchrist ‘00
Judge Stephen Reinhardt  
Diedre Von Dornum ‘97  
Anne Voigts ‘99  
David Gold ‘02  
Laura Faer ‘03  
Peter Romer-Friedman ‘06  
Jessica Karp ‘09  

Judge Marjorie Rendell  
Pankaj Venugopal ‘03  

Judge Barry Silverman  
Joshua Kolsky ‘06  
Jon Sherman ‘11  
Mallory Jensen ‘14  

Judge Mary Schroeder  
Paul Tiao ‘95  
Randall Kim ‘97  
Jessica Berch ‘08  

Judge Milan Smith  
Robert King ‘13  
Pooja Dadhania ‘13  
Martie Kutscher ‘13  

Judge Sidney Thomas  
Elizabeth Porter ‘00  
James Sample ‘03  
Bela Walker ‘03  
Sonali Maitra ‘06  
Sydney Tarzwell ‘07  
Shira Kieval ‘09  
Carol Perry ‘10  

Judge Stephen Trott  
Matthew Gunn ‘10  

Judge Clifford Wallace  
Robert Lytle ‘91  
Karessa Cain ‘04  
Ram Murali ‘05  
Dan Zipp ‘05  

Judge Kim M. Wardlaw  
Julian Moore ‘01  

Judge Eugene A. Wright  
Patrick Devine ‘95  

TENTH CIRCUIT  
Judge Stephen Anderson  
Corey Chivers ‘91  

Judge David Ebel  
Alex Rogers ‘93  
Stephen Morrissey ‘96  
Eric “Nick” Bravin ‘98  
Jason Lynch ‘02  

Judge Robert Henry  
Gregory Gilchrest ‘98  

Judge Carlos Lucero  
Jim Rosenfeld ‘95  
Rosemary Nidiry ‘96  
Marc Falkoff ‘01  
Catherine Kim ‘02  
Amos Blackman ‘08  
Xan White ‘13  

Judge Michael McConnell  
Chaim Saiman ‘03  

Judge Michael Monroe  
David David Gray ‘94  

Justice C. Jeffery Wang  
Michael M. Jensen ‘10  

Judge Timothy Tymkovich  
Johanna Coats ‘10  

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT  
Judge Rosemary Barkett  
Glenn Buterton ‘94  
Afra Afsharipour ‘99  

United States District Courts  

ALABAMA  
Judge U.W. Clemon  
Lise Bromfield ‘96  

Judge Susan Black  
Sharon Siegal ‘00  

Judge Edward Carnes  
Joshua Weinberg ‘97  

Judge Joel Weinberg  
David Anderson ‘98  
Andrew Pratt ‘08  

Judge J.L. Edmondson  
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Judge James Ellison
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  Melissa Ginsberg ‘08
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Judge Ronald L. Buckwalter
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Judge Lee Hyman
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**UTAH**

Judge Aldon Anderson
Jeffrey Vincent ‘94

Judge Thomas Greene
Thomas Mechem ‘93
Evan Sorensen ‘95

**VIRGINIA**

Judge Leonie Brinkema
Ellen Marcus ‘99

Judge Mark S. Davis
Matt Reynolds ‘10

Judge Robert Doumar
John Koerner ‘09

Judge T.S. Ellis
Z.W. Julius Chen ‘09

Judge Jerome B.
Friedman (ret.)
Matt Reynolds ‘08-10

Judge Raymond Jackson
Shea Owens ‘98
Kimberly Burgess ‘01
Teressa Ravenell ‘02
Brittani Kirkpatrick ‘10
Sheila Adams ‘11

Judge James Jones
Ambreen Delawalla ‘03
Patricia Robbins ‘07
Sarah Burghart ‘10
Judge Elizabeth Lacy

Ramin Fatehi ‘03
Judge Gerald Bruce Lee
Tammi Walker ‘02
Justin Fairfax ‘05

Judge James Spencer
Simone Manigo-Truell ‘99
Kenya Washington ‘00

Judge Anthony Trenga
Olga Kaplan ‘10

Judge James Turk
Ian Ford ‘96
Jesse Dungan ‘09
Nikhil Bhagat ‘11

Judge Richard Williams
Annette Poblete ‘94

Judge Samuel Wilson
David Lorello ‘99

**VERMONT**

Judge Franklin S.
Billings, Jr.
John Zuccottii ‘95

Judge Albert W. Coffin
Margaret Lynch ‘92

Judge Jerome
Niedermeier
Mari Bergeron ‘96

**WASHINGTON**

Judge Robert Bryan
Raliana Ruvalcaba ‘98

Judge John Coughenour
Karim Bornstein ‘93

Judge William L. Dwyer
Mark Fordham ‘95
Lara Ballard ‘98
Kristin Ballinger ‘98

Judge Justin
Quackenbush
Matthew Gunn ‘07

**WEST VIRGINIA**

Judge Robert Chambers
Isaac Forman ‘11

Judge Joseph R.
Goodwin
Gretchen Evans ‘99
Providence Spina ‘08
Amy McCampbell ‘09

**WISCONSIN**

Judge Robert W.
Warren
David Eich ‘92

Judge John Reynolds
Maryanne Woo ‘99

**WYOMING**

Judge Claire C.
Brimmer
Karen Gardner ‘96

**PUERTO RICO**

Judge Jose Fuste
Jose Suarez ‘93
Michael Le Desma ‘94
Christina Woehr ‘10

**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**

Judge Hector Laffitte
Hannah Breshin-Otero ‘01
Amin Kassam ‘01
Karen Konjuszy ‘06

Judge Raymond Finch
Ashai Pompey ‘97

Judge Martin Feldman
Fraser Hunter ‘92
Mark Dubois ‘94
Mihui Pak ‘99

Judge Sarah Vance
Glenn Kopp ‘01

WEST VIRGINIA

Judge Robert Chambers

State and International Courts

ALASKA
Justice Morgan Christen
(now on 9th Circuit)
Walker Newell ‘11
Chief Justice Dana Fabe
Kristin Santillo ‘05
Erika Evasdottir ‘05
Justice Craig Stowers
Katherine Malone ‘11
Justice Daniel Winfree
Mainon Schwartz ‘08

ARKANSAS
Justice Michael Kruse
Sophia Okamoto ‘00

CALIFORNIA
Justice Goodwin Liu
Kathey Vermazen Radez ‘12

COLORADO
Justice Michael L.
Bender
Andrew Lanoha ‘08
Justice Mary Mullarkey
David Scherr ‘09

CONNECTICUT
Justice Richard N.
Palmer
Ashfaq Chowdhury ‘00
Justice Peter T. Zarella
Eric Haskell ‘05

DELAWARE
Justice William Allen
Deborah Beckman ‘94
Justice Jack Jacobs
Max Heuer ‘11
Justice Stephen P. Lamb
Dean Measley ‘07
Vice Chancellor Donald
Parsons
Adam Gold ‘10
Vice Chancellor Leo E.
Strine, Jr.
Matthew Jennejohn ‘07

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Justice E. Norman
Veasey
Steven Daniels ‘95
Ronen Elad ‘98
Judge James A. Belson
Aaron Weiss ‘03
Judge Michael Farrell

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Judge Kathryn A.
Oberly
Andrea Lee ‘10
Judge Judith Rogers
(now on D.C. Circuit)
Sarah Hechtman ‘93
Judge Frank E. Schwelb
Roger Stone ‘92
Judge John Steadman
Daniel Schneiderman ‘96
Chief Judge Eric
Washington
Andrea Johnson ‘12

IDAHO
Justice Roger Burdick
Bryan Hurlbutt ‘10

MAINE
Justice Andrew Mead
Jessica Bell ‘10

MARYLAND
Justice Robert Bell
PENNSYLVANIA

Justice Ronald Castille
Allen Harberg ’97

TENNESSEE

Justice David Chew
Isla Pena ’03

Justice Craig Enoch
Jose Luzarraga ’94

Justice Wallace Jefferson
Nicholas Bacarisse ’10
Colleen Garcia ’13

UTAH

Justice Christine M. Durham
Steven Huefner ’91
Julie McAdam ’03

Justice Leonard Russon
Matthew Anderson ’96

Justice Michael Wilkins
Derek Hughes ’07

WASHINGTON

Justice James M. Dolliver
Joseph Panesko ’95

Justice Barbara Madsen
Michelle Rutherford ’08

Justice Jane Rastani
Valerie Knobelsdorf ’06

Justice Robert Utter
Michael Hintze ’94

WISCONSIN

Justice Ann Walsh
Bradley
Malancha Chanda ’99

ISRAEL

Justice Mishael Chesin
Eric Fisher ’95
Elai Katz ’96
Shai Ingber ’01

Justice Dalia Dorner
Andrew Treitel ’95

Justice Yitchak Zamir
Benjamin Wiener ’96

PUERTO RICO

Justice Baltasar Corrada Del Rio
Jose Gonzalez-Magaz ’96
Specialized Courts

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES (USCA)

Judge Andrew S. Effron
  Melissa Epstein ‘00
  Shavonna Maxwell ‘01

VETERANS CLAIMS

Judge John Farley III
  James McInerney ‘01

FEDERAL CLAIMS (USCFC)

Judge Roger Andewelt
  Jason Criss ‘99
  Alexander Gelber ‘99

Judge John Wiese
  Michael Klein ‘99

Judge George Miller
  Sam Brunson

INTERNATIONAL TRADE (USCIT)

Judge Jane Restani
  Arun Venkataraman ‘99

Judge Evan Wallach
  Kaiser Wahab ‘99

BANKRUPTCY (USBC)

Judge A. Benjamin Goldgar
  Arron Saiger ‘00

Judge Pat Moregenstern-Clarren
  Michael Wynn ‘10

Judge Robert Gerber
  Jacob Adlerstein ‘07
  Priya Merrill ‘12
  Genna Ghaul ‘13

TAX (USTC)

Judge Mary Ann Cohen
  Alan Kravitz ‘09

Judge Julian I. Jacobs
  Michael Karlan ‘92

Judge Richard Morrison
  Nathan Brownback ‘12

Judge James Halpern
  Sang Ji ‘96
United States Supreme Court Justices

Justice Samuel Alito
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Justice Harry Blackmun
   (deceased)
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Justice Stephen G. Breyer
   Henk J. Brands ’94
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   Jaren Casazza ’04

Justice Warren E. Burger
   (deceased)
   John E. Barry ’85

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
   Laura Brill ’94
   Maria Simon ’94
   Gillian Metzger ’95
   Rochelle Shoretz ’96
   William Savitt ’97
   Diedre von Dornum ’97
   Eric “Nick” Bravin ’98
   Trevor Morrison ’98
   Elizabeth Porter ’00
   Aaron Saiger ’00
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   Ben Beaton ’11
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   Devi Rao ’13
   Mark Musico ’14

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy
   Anthony Vlatas ’94

Justice Sandra Day O’Connor
   (retired)
APPENDIX B

Faculty Members Who Have Held Judicial Clerkships
Full-Time Faculty Members Who Have Held Judicial Clerkships±

FULL TIME FACULTY

Mark Barenberg
Judge Eugene H. Nickerson, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 1982-83

Philip Bobbitt
Judge Henry Friendly, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Lee C. Bollinger
Judge Wilfred Feinberg, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
Chief Justice Warren Burger, U.S. Supreme Court

Richard Briffault
Judge Shirley M. Hufstedler, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1977-78

Jessica Bulman-Pozen
Judge Merrick B. Garland, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 2007-08
Justice John Paul Stevens, U.S. Supreme Court, 2008-09

Alexandra Carter
Judge Mark L. Wolf, U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Sarah Cleveland
Judge Louis F. Oberdorfer, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 1992-93
Justice Harry A. Blackmun, U.S. Supreme Court, 1993-94

Lori Fisler Damrosch

Brett Dignam
Judge William H. Orrick, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, 1976-77

Ariela R. Dubler
Judge Jose A. Cabranes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2000-01

Harold S. H. Edgar
Judge Harold Leventhal, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

Elizabeth F. Emens

Ronald J. Gilson
Judge David Bazelon, U.S Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 1971-72

± Term dates and jurisdictions were not available for all faculty members.
Jane C. Ginsburg
Judge John J. Gibbons, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 1980-81

Abbe R. Gluck
Then-Chief Judge Ralph K. Winter, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, U.S. Supreme Court

Harvey J. Goldschmid
Judge Paul R. Hays, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 1975-76

Jeffrey N. Gordon
Judge William E. Doyle, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Zohar Goshen
Chief Justice Meir Shamgar, Supreme Court of Israel, 1986–87

R. Kent Greenawalt
Justice John M. Harlan, U.S. Supreme Court

Jamal Greene
Judge Guido Calabresi, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2005-06
Justice John Paul Stevens, U.S. Supreme Court, 2006-07

Michael A. Heller
Judge James Robert Browning, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1989-90

C. Scott Hemphill
Justice Antonin Scalia, U.S. Supreme Court, 2003-2004

Bert Huang
Judge Michael Boudin, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, 2004-05
Justice David Souter, U.S. Supreme Court, 2007-08

Robert Jackson
Judge Amalya Kearse, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2005-06

Olatunde Johnson
Judge David Tatel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 1995-1996
Justice John Paul Stevens, U.S. Supreme Court, 1996-1997

Kathryn Judge
Judge Richard Posner, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
Justice William Breyer, U.S. Supreme Court

Benjamin Liebman
Judge Sandra Lynch, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, 1998-99
Justice David Souter, U.S. Supreme Court, 1999-2000
James S. Liebman
Judge Carl McGowan, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
Justice John Paul Stevens, U.S. Supreme Court

Lance Liebman
Justice Byron White, U.S. Supreme Court

Debra Livingston
Judge J. Edward Lumbard, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Clarisa Long
Judge Alvin A. Schall, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Gerard E. Lynch
Judge Wilfred Feinberg, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., U.S. Supreme Court

Ronald Mann
Judge Joseph T. Sneed, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit 1985-86
Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., U.S. Supreme Court, 1986-1987

Thomas Merrill
Judge David L. Bazelon, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 1977-78
Justice Harry A. Blackmun, U.S. Supreme Court, 1978-79

Gillian Metzger
Judge Patricia Wald, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 1996-97
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, U.S. Supreme Court, 1997-98

Eben Moglen
Judge Edward Weinfeld, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, 1985-86
Justice Thurgood Marshall, U.S. Supreme Court, 1986-87

Henry Paul Monaghan
Judge Morris Soper, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Edward R. Morrison
Justice Antonin Scalia, U.S. Supreme Court, 2001-02

Trevor Morrison (currently Dean of NYU Law School)
Judge Betty B. Fletcher, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1998-99
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, U.S. Supreme Court, 2002-03

Nate Persily
Judge David Tatel, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. District, 1998-99

Christina Ponsa
Judge Jose A. Cabranes, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, 2000-01
Justice Stephen G. Breyer, U.S. Supreme Court, 2004-05
David Pozen  
Judge Merrick B. Garland, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, 2008-09  
Justice John Paul Stevens, U.S. Supreme Court, 2009-10

Dan Richman  
Chief Judge Wilfred Feinberg, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit  
Justice Thurgood Marshall, U.S. Supreme Court

David M Schizer  
Judge Alex Kozinski, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, U.S. Supreme Court

Peter L. Strauss  
Judge David Bazelon, U.S Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit  
Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., U.S. Supreme Court

Susan P. Sturm  
Judge Charles E. Stewart, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Matthew Waxman  
Judge Joel M. Flaum, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit  
Justice David H. Souter, U.S. Supreme Court

Timothy Wu  
Justice Stephen Breyer, U.S. Supreme Court, 1999-2000
Sample Letter I: The “Bare Bones” Cover

Jane Student  
1000 Happy Place  
Sunnyville, USA 10027  
(212) 555-5555

January __, 2014

The Honorable Joe Smith  
United States District Court  
for the Southern District of New York  
40 Centre Street  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Smith:

I am a second year student at Columbia Law School, and I write to apply for a clerkship in your chambers following my graduation in 2015.

Enclosed please find a resume, transcript, and writing sample. Also enclosed are letters of recommendation from Professors X (212 555-1234, profx@columbia.edu); Y (212 555-3456, profy@columbia.edu), and Z (212 555-5678, profz@columbia.edu).

Thank you for your consideration. Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

[sign here]

Jane Student
Sample Letter II: The “Meatier” Letter

Joe Student  
1000 Happy Place  
Sunnyville, USA 10025  
(212) 555-5555  

January __, 2014  

The Honorable Joan Smith  
United States District Court  
for the Eastern District of California  
4425 Capital Hill Rd  
Sacramento, CA 94100  

Dear Judge Smith:  

I am a second year student and member of Journal X at Columbia Law School. I write to apply for a clerkship in your chambers following my graduation in 2015. As a native Californian, I find the prospect of beginning my legal career clerking in your chambers particularly appealing.

[Additional paragraph concerning relevant career aspirations, background, etc.]  

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Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any additional information.  

Respectfully,  

[sign here]  

Joe Student
APPENDIX D

Suggested Format For Lists of Judges
To Whom You Are Applying
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**Note:** If you are using the same recommenders for all of your applications, please eliminate the columns above and simply list your recommenders at the top of your list, along with a statement that their letters should go to all judges listed.