

Researching Judges

Conducting judicial research can provide many strategic advantages for both practicing attorneys and law students. As an attorney, researching a judge you will appear before in court will allow you to understand the judge’s ruling style, how his or her courtroom is run and to calculate the best way to present your case to that particular judge. Similarly, law students interested in clerking for a judge will be able to use information about that judge’s prior decisions, past legal and educational background and other personal affiliations to prepare for an interview with the judge.

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I.Contact Information

Legal directories provide basic contact information for judges, clerks and other court personnel. They also include general information about court procedures and organization as well as some biographical information.

a.Basic Directories

Biographical Directory of Federal Judges

<http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf/page/index.html>

The directory includes the biographies of judges who have served since 1789 on the U.S. District Courts, the U.S. Courts of Appeals, the Supreme Court, the former U.S. Circuit Courts, the Court of International Trade, and the Court of Claims. Select the research categories link to create

customized lists of judges based on various criteria, including nominating president, type of court, dates of service, gender, race and more.

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

Call Number KF8700.A19B15 2009, Location LAW Reference

Note: This publication is also available in the UC College of Law Center for Professional Development, Suite 201G

Provides names, titles, street addresses, phone/fax numbers, Internet sites, e-mail addresses, and TDD/TTY for judges, clerks and court administrators. It also includes a list of nominations for federal judgeships with nominee's name, state of residence, and other information. Federal appellate court jurisdiction map and list and state court structure charts showing interrelationships and routes of appeal for all courts of record are also available.

The Directory of Minority Judges of the United States

Call Number KF8700.A19 D57 2001, Location LAW Reference

Includes the name, address and telephone numbers of African-American, Asian/Pacific Island, Hispanic, Native American, and Tribal Court Judges. It also includes a chart detailing the number of minority judges found in each state.

Directory of State Court Clerks & County Courthouses

Call Number KF8700.A29 D574, Location LAW Reference

Includes names, addresses, and phone numbers of state appellate, trial, and county clerks. It also includes state court Web sites, organizational charts, offices of vital statistics, and trends in state court litigation.

Federal-State Court Directory (f/k/a Want's)

Call Number KF8700. A19 F43, Location LAW Reference

Includes names, addresses, and phone numbers of all U.S. appellate and district judges and clerks of court, U.S. magistrate judges, and bankruptcy judges. There are listings for court Web sites, places of holding court and counties in federal districts, and U.S. Attorneys' information. Also includes court organizational charts, alternative dispute resolution sources, State Bar Associations listings, and a glossary of terms and guide to how a case is litigated.

Judicial Staff Directory

Call Number KF8700. A19 J83, Location LANGSAM Latest in Ref.

Lists names, addresses, and telephone numbers for all federal judges and court personnel. Biographical information is included for selected judges. The Directory is also available in the Westlaw database JUDSTAFF-DIR and the Lexis database Judicial Staff Directory.

Judicial Yellow Book

Call Number KF8770. J84, Location LAW Reference

Provides contact and biographical information for over 2,200 federal judges and 1,300 state judges, as well as judges' staff, court staff, and law clerks. In addition to the name index, it also includes a law school index, which lists individuals by law school and year of graduation, and an

organization index, which lists all of the organizations that appear in the book.

Lawyer's Almanac

Call Number KF190. L3625, Location LAW Reference

Provides vital facts and figures on the courts, government, law schools, lawyers, and their work and organizations. Includes sections on corporate lawyer salaries, legal research sites on the Internet, listings for government agencies, as well as the most up-to-date bar examination statistics, and more. Also included is a complete picture of the workload in the nation's courts.

United States Tribal Courts Directory

Call Number KF8224 .C6 S39 2008, Location LAW Stacks

A state-by-state listing of the contact information for tribal courts across the country. Background information is provided for selected courts.

b. Historical Directories

Biographical Directory of Federal Judges

<http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf/page/index.html>

The directory includes the biographies of judges who have served since 1789 on the U.S. District Courts, the U.S. Courts of Appeals, the Supreme Court, the former U.S. Circuit Courts, the Court of International Trade, and the Court of Claims. Select the research categories link to create customized lists of judges based on various criteria, including nominating president, type of court, dates of service, gender, race and more.

Biographical Directory of the Federal Judiciary 1789-2000

Call Number KF8700.A19 B48 2001, Location LAW Reference

Alphabetically arranged entries provide vital statistics and summarize each person's education, professional history, and federal judicial service. They also contain references to manuscript collections for those justices and judges whose primary source material has been collected. It also had legislative histories, lists of judicial appointments, and a bibliography for each district court, court of appeals, circuit court, and the Supreme Court. The location of each court's official records and Web sources for its opinions are also noted. The book also discusses and reproduces landmark judicial legislation and, in a section called "Topics in Judicial History," lists interesting facts such as the oldest and youngest judges, first women judges, first minority judges, judges who have been impeached, etc.

Guide to the U.S. Supreme Court

Call Number KF8742 .W567 2004, Location LAW Reference

Covers the Court's entire history, its operations, its power in relation to other branches of government, major decisions affecting the other branches, the states, individual rights and liberties and biographies of the justices. Appendixes provide additional information on the Court such as the Judiciary Acts of 1789 and 1925 and a list of Acts of Congress found by the Court to be unconstitutional.

Judges of the United States

Call Number KF353. J83 1983, Location LAW Stacks

Contains biographical information on all federal judges from 1789 to 1981. It also contains indexes by appointing president and year of appointment.

The Supreme Court Justices: A Biographical Dictionary

Call Number KF8744 .H35 2001, Location LANGSAM Reference

Alphabetically arranged, each entry begins with life dates, the date of nomination to the Court, the name of the president who nominated the justice, and the date he or she was seated. Most of the biographical essays are accompanied by a portrait and offer a bibliography of sources. There is also a subject index and an index of cases. Coverage is up to the 108th Justice (Stephen G. Breyer).

The Supreme Court Justices: Illustrated Biographies 1789-1995

Call Number KF8744 .S86 1995, Location LANGSAM Reference

A collection of biographies of up to the 108th Justice (Stephen G. Breyer).

II. Biographical Information

Biographical resources often contain information about a judge's legal and educational background, memberships in civic and law-related organizations, personal affiliations, and interests or hobbies.

The Almanac of the Federal Judiciary

Call Number KF8700.A19 A4 1990, Location LAW Reference

Provides judicial profiles of every federal judge (Volume 2) and all key bankruptcy judges and magistrate judges (Volume 1). For every federal trial judge and appellate judge in the nation, it also includes: Each judge's academic and professional background, experience on the bench, noteworthy rulings, and media coverage. It also includes commentary by lawyers, based on first-hand experiences before their local federal judges. The Almanac is also available in the Westlaw database AFJ.

The American Bench

Call Number KF8700.A19 A47 2009, Location LAW Reference

Provides biographical information on over 18,000 judges in all levels of federal, state and local courts with jurisdictional, structural and geographical facts on the courts they serve, as provided by federal sources and by the individual states.

The Biographical Section, arranged alphabetically by state, lists nearly all U.S. judges and includes standard information such as: judge name, judge title, court name, office address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address. Biographies also include additional information such as: term information, current judgeships, previous judgeships, important decisions, important opinions, legal background, educational background, memberships in civic organizations, memberships in law-related organizations, personal affiliations, personal

interests and personal hobbies.

The Almanac also includes a Gender Ratio Summary, which illustrates the distribution of male and female judges throughout the United States in both federal and state judiciaries and 52 Court Outlines, which provide information on the judicial structure for each state including judge selection methods, court jurisdictions, court locations, geographic boundaries, and lists of judges serving the courts.

The Federal Judicial Center

<http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf>

Database of professional biographies judges who have served since 1789 on the U.S. District Courts, the U.S. Courts of Appeals, the Supreme Court, the former U.S. Circuit Courts, the Court of International Trade, and the Court of Claims.

Great American Judges: An Encyclopedia

Call Number KF8775.A68G64, Location LAW Reference

Provides biographies of the 100 most influential judges from state and federal courts and 50 shorter entries on lesser-known but influential figures. It also includes detailed charts of birth dates, education, and years of service of key figures.

Lexis Congressional Record

This database is available to UC LAW students and faculty at

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/>.

For judges appointed after July 1985, there may be statements made during the confirmation process by senators, which include biographical information that is not found in other sources. For example, to locate information on Judge Gregory Van Tatenhove go to the Legal Tab and select Federal Legal-U.S. Then select Legislative History Materials – Congressional Record, All Congresses Combined. Using terms and connectors, search: nomination w/s “van tatenhove”

Westlaw Congressional Record (CR)

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The West Legal Directory

This database is available to UC LAW students and faculty at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com>.

Provides basic biographical information on judges in the Westlaw WLD-JUDGE database. In addition, PROFILER-WLD provides an attorney or judge's profile and a list of links to cases, dockets, trial filings, trial orders, appellate briefs, jury verdict summaries, trial transcripts, deposition transcripts and expert affidavits for legal actions in which that attorney or judge participated. NOTE: The PROFILER-WLD database also contains WLD-JUDGE.

Who's Who in American Law

Call Number KF372 .W48, Location LAW Reference

Contains short biographies of approximately 19,000 leading attorneys and other legal professionals and features personal and career histories, specialties, education, and achievements.

III. Background Information

Researching a judge's background can provide you with valuable information about the judge's record on the bench and how the judge is rated by practicing attorneys. It can also help you locate key decisions authored by the judge or reversals of the judge's previous opinions.

a. Judicial Record & Rating Information

Alliance for Justice (AFJ) Reports on the Judiciary

<http://www.afj.org/check-the-facts/nominees/>

Provides information on the appointment process for federal judges based on AFJ research. This site also includes information about sitting judges and detailed case history. Reports are available in PDF format. Note: The reports provided are not unbiased and do express opinions as to the quality of the judicial nominee being discussed.

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The Courthouse Forum

<http://courthouseforum.com>

Provides evaluations of federal and state judges by attorneys, litigants, and members of the public.

League of Women Voters

<http://www.lwv.org//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>

A nonpartisan political organization, there are Leagues in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hong Kong, in addition to the hundreds of local Leagues nationwide. The Smart Voter site provided by the League (<http://www.smartvoter.org>) includes profiles of judicial candidates with information about the responsibilities of the position sought, associated salary, length of term and the candidate's party information. It also includes other information like biographical highlights, the candidates "top priorities if elected," key endorsements and campaign contact information as supplied by the candidate.

Legal Collection

This database is available to UC students and faculty at

http://www.libraries.uc.edu/research/articles/ar_all.php.

This database contains full text for nearly 250 of the world's most respected, scholarly law journals. The Legal Collection is an authoritative source for information on current issues studies, thoughts and trends of the legal world. Coverage is from 1965-present.

Lexis All News

This database is available to UC LAW students and faculty at

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/>. From the News tab select News, All (English, Full Text).

This database contains full text articles from various news publications.

Local/State Bar Associations

These sites may provide ratings, candidate questionnaires, and surveys about local judges.

The Robing Room

<http://www.therobingroom.com>

Provides evaluations of federal district court judges and magistrate-judges by practicing attorneys.

Westlaw ALLNEWS

This database is available to UC LAW students and faculty at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com>.

The ALLNEWS database contains newspapers, magazines, journals, newsletters, government press releases, transcripts of television and radio shows and congressional testimony.

Westlaw U.S. Supreme Court Opinions

This database is available to UC LAW students and faculty at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com>.

Provides special databases for members of the U.S. Supreme Court containing individual justices opinions and papers. The databases contain coverage of opinions joined or authored by the Justice while sitting on the United States Supreme Court or other lower federal and state courts. The database also contains federal or state decisions in which the Justice was an attorney of record. Selected coverage of articles written by the Justice is also contained in this database. A current resume of the Justice by the Almanac of the Federal Judiciary (AFJ) is also included.

Database Identifiers are as follows: BLACKMUN, BREYER, GINSBURG, KENNEDY, OCONNOR, REHNQUIST, ROBERTS, SCALIA, SOTOMAYOR (Note Congressional documents related to the nomination process are also included in this database.), SOUTER, and THOMAS.

b.Concurrences, Dissents & Other Opinions

Lexis Segments for Caselaw Databases

Use JUDGES to search by the name of the Judge, CONCURBY to search for concurring opinions and DISSENTBY to search for dissenting opinions.

Westlaw Fields for Caselaw Databases

This database is available to UC LAW students and faculty at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com>. Use JU to search by the name of the Judge, CON to search for concurring opinions and DIS to search for dissenting opinions. Note: If the judge is a state court trial level judge, many written opinions may not be available online. However, the state trial level judge's name will be mentioned in the synopsis field (SY) as part of the case's procedural history.

c.Reversals:

Westlaw

This database is available to UC LAW students and faculty at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com>. Judicial Reversal Reports are available on the Westlaw Litigation Tab or can be searched in conjunction with Westlaw Judicial Motions Report in the SEARCH-JRR database.

IV.Financial Information

Judges and justices are obliged to not permit personal financial interests influence their judgment. Many state and federal judges or justices are required to annually disclose personal financial information. Some types of information available through financial disclosure statements include: sources of income, investments, businesses in which the filer is involved, travel expenses and other gifts.

a.Financial Disclosure Statements

Form AO 10

www.uscourts.gov/forms/uscforms.html

If the judge's financial disclosure isn't listed with Judicial Watch you can file a Form AO 10A: Request for Examination of Report Filed by a Judicial Office or Judicial Employee, with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. Note: The judge will be notified of your request.

Judicial Watch

<http://www.judicialwatch.org/judicial-financial-disclosure>

Provides a browsable and searchable archive of financial disclosure reports for all Supreme Court justices, appellate court and district court judges.

b.Salaries

The Federal Judicial Center

http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf/page/judges_salaries.html

Posts the salaries of U.S. Federal court judges.

The National Center for State Courts (NCSC) Survey of Judicial Salaries

http://www.ncsconline.org/D_KIS/Salary_Survey/home.asp

Posts judicial salaries for U.S. state court judges. Note: This Survey is also included in The Lawyer's Almanac.

United States Courts

<http://www.uscourts.gov/JudgesAndJudgeships/JudicialCompensation/JudicialPayIncreaseFact.aspx>

Includes pay charts and tables for salaries of Federal Judges, Associate Justices, and Chief Justices since 1968.

V. Nominations and Confirmations

Monitoring judicial nominations and confirmations can help you anticipate shifts in political ideology and the overall composition of the judiciary. For law students, keeping an eye on judicial nominations can also provide an additional opportunity for judicial clerkship positions. Many newly appointed judges will need to hire clerks and depending on the date of the appointment, may not receive as many resumes as other judges.

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Provides a list of nominations for federal judgeships with nominee's name, state of residence, and other information.

Federal Judges and Justices: A Current Listing of Nominations, Confirmations, Elevations, Resignations, Retirements

Call Number KF8700.A19 W55 1987, Location LAW Reference

Contains a listing of nominations, confirmations, elevations, resignations, and retirements in the federal judiciary. For each nominee, a brief biography is included. Coverage goes back to the 99th Congress (1985) through the 107th Congress (2001).

Federal-State Court Directory (f/k/a Want's)

Call Number KF8700. A19 F43, Location LAW Reference

Includes information on federal judicial vacancies and nominations.

Judicial Nominations

<http://judges.law.yale.edu/>

Provides a list of federal judicial nominations. The information is derived from multiple sources, including the Congressional Record, but should not be construed as official. Addresses are taken from a variety of directories and sources at the time of nomination.

Judicial Nominations Database

<http://www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/careerservices/Pages/nomdb.aspx>

Database of federal judicial nominations. It may be searched by last name, court name, nomination date or confirmation date.

The Third Branch

<http://www.uscourts.gov/ttb/index.html>

Newsletter of the federal courts which includes current federal nominations confirmations, appointments, elevations, resignations, retirements, and deaths. See the Judicial Milestones and Judicial Boxscore sections for additional information.

Thomas

<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/nomis.html>

Provides the status of Presidential nominations for Federal Judges.

U.S. Senate

http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/a_three_sections_with_teasers/nominations.htm

Provides the names of attorneys nominated by the President or confirmed by the Senate to serve as Federal Judges.

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary

<http://judiciary.senate.gov/>

Contains lists of pending and confirmed federal judicial nominations.

United States Courts

<http://www.uscourts.gov/JudgesAndJudgeships/JudicialVacancies/ConfirmationListing.aspx>

Includes a listing of federal judicial confirmations.

United States Department of Justice Judicial Nominations

<http://www.justice.gov/olp/judicialnominations111.htm>

The data on this site provide an overview of federal judicial nomination and confirmation activity relating to each Congress since the 107th (2001-present).

VI. Judicial Writing

There are many guides and handbooks available to learn more about the format judges use when writing opinions which can lend insight into interpreting judicial opinions. In addition to these sources, many judges also write articles on topics of interest which can be useful in shedding light on how a judge may interpret a specific legal question.

Judicial Opinion Writing Handbook

Call Number KF250 .G46 2007, Location LAW Stacks

Reviews existing methods, styles, rules and techniques described in numerous books and articles. Forms and structure outlines serve as a guide to the judicial writer. Also includes a section on Judge's Views, which contains comments and ideas from many prominent judges, as well as a section dealing with the criticism of judges.

Judicial Opinion Writing Manual: A Product of the Appellate Judges Conference, Judicial Administration Division, American Bar Association

Call Number KF250 .J83 1991, Location LAW Reserves

Provides information on the format of appellate opinions and guidelines on writing the opinions. It also includes information on writing style and citation formats.

Judicial Writing Manual

http://www.fjc.gov/library/fjc_catalog.nsf/autoframepage!openform?url=/library/fjc_catalog.nsf/Publication!openform&parentunid=8849CBCFFE1D44CB85256CA3006765CC

The Federal Judicial Center has prepared this manual to help judges organize opinions and improve their opinion writing. Drawing on interviews with twenty-four experienced judges, and guided by a board of editors comprising judges, law professors, and writers, the manual offers advice on writing tailored to the needs of the federal judiciary.

Lexis

This database is available to UC LAW students and faculty at

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/>.

On the Legal tab select Secondary Legal. Then select Law Reviews, CLE, Legal Journals & Periodicals Combined. Use the Author field to search for articles written by a particular judge. For example, to search for articles written by Judge Painter, you would search: AUTHOR(mark w/2 painter)

Westlaw

This database is available to UC LAW students and faculty at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com>.

Search the Text & Periodicals –All Law Reviews, Texts & Bar Journals (TP-ALL) database. Use the Author field (AU) to search for articles written by a particular judge. For example, to search for articles written by Judge Painter, you would search:

AU(mark w/2 painter)

VII. Benchbooks

Benchbooks provide an overview of legal procedure for a judge. They are used in conjunction with manuals on civil procedure, criminal procedure, and evidence to assist the judge in trial and are generally published on narrow areas of law.

Benchbook for U.S. District Court judges

[http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/Benchbk5.pdf/\\$file/Benchbk5.pdf](http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/Benchbk5.pdf/$file/Benchbk5.pdf)

Call Number JU 13.2:B 43/2007, Location LANGSAM GovDoc US

Provides a quick, practical guide to help judges with situations they are likely to encounter on the bench.

Military Judges' Benchbook

http://permanent.access.gpo.gov/websites/armymil/www.army.mil/usapa/epubs/pdf/p27_9.pdf

Regarded as a supplement to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, as amended; the Manual for Courts-Martial, 2002 Edition; opinions of appellate courts; other departmental publications dealing primarily with trial procedure; and similar legal reference material.

National Labor Relations Board, Division of Judges Bench Book

Manual <http://www.nlr.gov/nlr/legal/manuals/01benchbook.pdf>

Supplement

<http://www.nlr.gov/nlr/legal/manuals/Bench%20Book%202005%20Supplement.pdf>

Call Number LR 1.2:B 43, Location LANGSAM GovDoc US

Manual compiled to assist the National Labor Relations Board's administrative law judges during trials.

The Ohio Domestic Violence Benchbook: A Practical Guide to Competence for Judges & Magistrates

http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/ocjs_benchbook.pdf

Call Number KFO567.F35 B75 2004, Location LAW Ohio 1

Call Number OCJ 23.2:B 457/2003, Location LANGSAM GovDoc OH

Provides quick reference to key domestic violence legal issues in Ohio.

VIII. Judicial Clerkships

A judicial clerkship provides a valuable opportunity to develop your legal skills by reviewing case files, drafting opinions, and attending trials. In addition to the development of legal skills, a judicial clerkship also provides real world exposure to the inner workings of the court. Judicial clerks witness the oral and written style of practicing attorneys appearing before the court, as well as the dress and demeanor expected in front of the judge. The legal and practical skills that can be obtained through a judicial clerkship also provide a strong addition to a resume.

Chambers Handbook for Judges, Law Clerks and Secretaries

Call Number JU 13.8:C 35, Location LANGSAM GovDoc US

Information about the role of law clerks and codes of conduct, as well as descriptions of court governance, administration, and adjudication procedures.

Federal Law Clerk Salaries

<http://www.uscourts.gov/Careers/Compensation/JudiciarySalaryPlanLocalityRatePayTables.aspx>

The salary available to a law clerk depends upon legal work experience subsequent to graduation from law school, bar membership and applicable locality pay adjustments. The federal judiciary uses the same locality rate as the executive branch. The hiring judge, as the

appointing authority, certifies a law clerk's actual grade and step, and thus sets the salary, at the time of appointment.

Most recent law school graduates with academic excellence qualify for an appointment at least at grade JSP-11, step 1 (annual base salary of \$50,287). One year of post-graduate legal experience and bar membership qualifies the appointee for grade JSP-12, step 1, appointment with an annual base salary of \$60,274.

Federal Judges Law Clerk Hiring Plan

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

Hiring plan designed for all federal judges, including Circuit Judges, District Court Judges, Magistrate Judges, and Bankruptcy Judges.

Greedy Clerks

<http://www.infirmation.com/bboard/clubs.tcl?topic=Greedy%20Clerks>

Provides a place for federal and state judicial clerks to talk about their current jobs, where they will go after their clerkship, clerkship bonuses and related compensation, and give advice to aspiring judicial clerks.

Guide to State Judicial Clerkship Procedures

<http://www.law.virginia.edu/pdf/judclerkguide2010.pdf>

Provides information on clerkship opportunities and application procedures in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

Inside Appellate Courts: The Impact of Court Organization on Judicial Decision Making in the United States Courts of Appeals

Call Number KF8775.C64 2002, Location LAW Stacks

Organizational study of the appellate judicial process. Chapter 4 discusses the role of the law clerk.

Judging: A Book for Student Clerks

Location: UC College of Law Center for Professional Development, Suite 201G

Provides a series of short readings by and about judges.

Judicial Clerkships.com

<http://www.judicialclerkships.com>

Provides links to key court sites and judicial clerkship listings and a forum for students and judicial clerks to exchange information about applying for a judicial clerkship and to share their judicial clerkship experiences.

Judicial Externships: The Clinic Inside the Courthouse

Call Number KF8771 .C63 2005, Location LAW Reserves

Provides detailed information on judicial administration and opinion. Chapter 1 discusses the role of the judicial clerk.

Law Clerk Handbook: A Handbook for Law Clerks to Federal Judges

[http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/lawclhbk.pdf/\\$file/lawclhbk.pdf](http://www.fjc.gov/public/pdf.nsf/lookup/lawclhbk.pdf/$file/lawclhbk.pdf)

This handbook provides an overview of chambers operations and the work of the federal courts.

Law School Confidential: The Complete Law School Survival Guide, by Students, for Students

Call Number KF283 .M55 2000, Location LAW Stacks

Includes information on State and Federal clerkships, why people clerk and how to apply for a judicial clerkship. See Chapter 22, Demystifying Judicial Clerkships: Heigh Thee to the Chambers.

Law Student Jobs Online

<http://lawschool.westlaw.com>

Access through Westlaw. Enter your Westlaw password, then choose Career Resources at top of the page. Click on the hyperlink "Search our extensive database." Then check the box for Court/Judicial Clerkships and select your location.

The Legal Career Guide: From Law Student to Lawyer

Call Number KF297 .M86 2007, Location LAW Stacks

Includes information on State and Federal clerkships and how to apply for a judicial clerkship. See Chapter 21, Judicial Clerkships.

Martindale-Hubbell Listings, All

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool>

Access through Lexis. Use this database to search for UC graduates who have clerked for a particular judge. For example, to find UC graduates who have clerked for Judge Beckwith, search: LAW-SCHOOL("university of cincinnati") and (clerk w/5 beckwith)

NALP Insight and Inside Information for Select State Court Clerkships

<http://www.nalp.org/uploads/10Handouts/StateCourtClerkships.pdf>

This document was compiled based on information provided by Career Services Office representatives from law schools all over the country. This document should be read in conjunction with [The Guide to State Court Judicial Clerkships](#), published by The Vermont Law School.

Online System for Clerkship Application and Review (OSCAR)

<https://oscar.symplicity.com/>

The central online resource for federal law clerk and appellate court staff attorney hiring.

UC College of Law Center for Professional Development, Suite 201G

UC LAW students interested in clerking should contact the CPD to request a copy of the *Judicial Clerkship Planning Guide*

<http://www.law.uc.edu/current/#tabview=tab3>

Phone: 513-556-6810

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Email: cpdlaw@uc.edu

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