JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

Schedule

February 2-4, 2017

Hyatt Regency Miami
400 SE 2nd Ave, Miami FL
Lobby Level, Riverfront North Hall

All events will be held in the Riverfront North Hall unless otherwise indicated

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February 2017

Dear Judicial Clerkship Program Participant:

Welcome law students and judges and lawyers participating in this year's Judicial Clerkship Program. The Judicial Division is honored to partner with the ABA Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline and with our sponsors for this year's program. A special thanks to LexisNexis who continues to support this program.

This program is important to me personally, and professionally. When I was appointed as a military judge in 1994, I was then one of only two women in the United States Air Force serving on active duty who had been selected to serve as a judge. I know that it was important in shaping the future of the military community in which I lived that I serve as a military judge. I represented a component of our community which was a "minority".

Sometimes I brought a view that was shared by my male colleagues, and sometimes I did not. What I did do was to listen to the facts, apply the law and adjudicate fairly for each and every criminal defendant who appeared before me.

It is important for the credibility of our judicial system in the United States that we have judges and lawyers who are representative of the tapestry that makes up our great nation. I thank our judges and lawyers who share this important goal. I also thank the law schools who understand that this program offers its students important insights on how to apply and achieve a clerkship as a first follow on step after completing law school.

The ability to practice law and to administer justice is a cornerstone to our democratic way of life. I am so pleased that you have joined us for this year's Judicial Clerkship Program and I look forward to meeting and speaking with as many of you as possible during the program.

Welcome.

Sincerely

Welcome Message from Linda Strite Murnane, Colonel, USAF, Ret., Chair, Judicial Division, American Bar Association
February 2017

Dear Judicial Clerkship Program Participant:

On behalf of the ABA Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline, I welcome you to the 17th annual Judicial Clerkship Program. The Council is pleased to collaborate with the ABA Judicial Division on this important program.

Over the next three days you will have the opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge and to develop your skills while interacting with both judges and law clerks. You will learn that becoming a judicial law clerk offers invaluable experience and unique opportunities that will stay with you throughout your legal career. I hope that your experiences in this program will encourage you to pursue a judicial clerkship upon your graduation.

The Judicial Clerkship Program is one of the finest of the American Bar Association’s Midyear Meeting events. I hope you enjoy your Judicial Clerkship Program experience, and I look forward to meeting all of you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Welcome Message from Kenneth G. Standard, Chair Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline, American Bar Association
Program MC
The Hon. Heather A. Welch
Judge, Marion Superior Court, Civil 1 Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN

11:30 AM  Program Check-In
Lobby Level, Riverfront North Hall Foyer

12:00 PM  Judges/Law Students Luncheon
and Program Opening

Program Co-Chair
Robert Saunooke, Attorney, Miramar, FL

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Hon. Linda Strite Murnane, USAF, Ret.;
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LexisNexis Acknowledgement
Call for Law School Representatives to proceed
to the podium for introductions
Thursday, February 2

Program MC
Robert Saunooke
Attorney
Miramar, FL

1:00 PM  Keynote Speaker Introduction
The Hon. Marcella A. Holland
Circuit Court of Baltimore City
Baltimore, MD

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honorable Peggy A. Quince
Florida Supreme Court Justice
Tallahassee, FL

1:30 PM  15-min. transition break
Program MC
Robert Saunooke
Attorney
Miramar, FL

1:45 PM
Opening Panel
Why You Should Become a Law Clerk

Moderator
Robert Saunooke, Attorney
Miramar, FL

Panel
Hon. Toni E. Clarke, Associate Judge
Seventh Judicial Circuit, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County, Maryland
Upper Marlboro, MD

Hon. Charles N. Clevert, Jr.
Senior U.S. District Judge of the
Eastern District of Wisconsin
Milwaukee, WI

Hon. Alicia M. Otazo-Reyes
United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of Florida
Miami, FL

J. Scott Thomas
Law Clerk to Hon. Joan A. Lenard
United States District Court for the Southern
District of Florida
Miami, FL

3:30 PM 15-min. transition break
Program MC
Robert Saunooke
Attorney
Miramar, FL

3:45 PM  Introduction to Research Exercise

Facilitator
The Hon. Pamila J. Brown, Associate Judge
Howard County District Court
Ellicott City, MD

Your judge is assigned to draft the court’s opinion on the constitutionality of a statute; the judge in turn asks his/her clerks to research the issue, discuss the research with the judge, and ultimately, prepare an outline of an opinion. The issue is characterized by conflicting opinions from lower courts. Law students (in the role of the clerks) will be divided up into small groups with several judges assigned to each group.

4:15 PM  Research Assignment: Small Group Session #1
The judges will discuss the research assignment with the clerks and instruct them to find and read each conflicting opinion of the lower courts.

5:15 PM  LexisNexis Presentation

6:00 PM  Judicial Division Welcome Reception (cash bar)
Attendance mandatory
Terrace Level, Flagler
7:30 AM  Judicial Division Leadership Breakfast
          *Attendance mandatory*
          Terrace Level, Jasmine

8:45 AM  15-min transition break return to Program Room
          Lobby Level
          Riverfront North Hall

**Program MC**
Robert Saunooke
Attorney
Miramar, FL

9:00 AM  Research Exercise: Law Students
          *Clerks will begin the process of finding and reading opinions, utilizing computers provided by LexisNexis*

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM  Working Lunch

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM  Resume Review
          *Judges will review resumes and provide pointers*
Program MC
Robert Saunooke
Attorney
Miramar, FL

2:45 PM  Research Assignment:  Small Group Session #2
Clerks and judges will discuss the research methodology employed to find the cases (not the substance of the cases) and discuss additional research necessary before the substance of the issues. The judges will ask clerks to do further research (perhaps find the relevant decisions of the district courts and any law journal articles cited in the opinions); clerks should divide the reading among themselves

3:25 PM  Research Exercise:  Law Students
Clerks, in teams, will develop an outline of an opinion resolving the issue

4:10 PM  15-min. break
Program MC
Robert Saunooke
Attorney
Miramar, FL

4:25 PM  Research Assignment: Small Group Session #3
Clerks and judges reconvene in their groups to discuss
(perhaps debate) the substance of the problem. At the
conclusion of the discussion, the judges will ask the clerks
to develop an outline of an opinion resolving the issue.
Outlines with different outcomes might be requested by
judges in this group. This period is also available for
judges to discuss other topics with the law students
(clerks), e.g., principles of legal writing, drafting jury
instructions, etc.

5:25 PM  Transition to Judges/Law Student Group Picture
Lobby Level, Staircase
Riverfront South

6:00 PM  Joint Award Reception (cash bar)
Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander
Award; Martha Fay Africa Golden Hammer Award;
Meet and Greet Spirit of Excellence Honorees
Attendance mandatory, Terrace Level, Orchid B/C/D
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Educational Pipeline, Commission on Racial and Ethnic
Diversity in the Profession, Law Practice Division
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The Hon. Heather A. Welch
Judge, Marion Superior Court, Civil 1 Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN

8:30 AM  Research Exercise: Law Students
         Clerks, in teams, will develop an outline of an opinion
         resolving the issue

9:30 AM  15-min. transition break

9:45 AM  Research Assignment: Small Group Session #4
         Clerks and judges will reconvene to discuss outlines

10:15 AM Law Students Question the Judges
          Facilitator: Professor Frank Sullivan, Jr.
          Indiana University
          Robert H. McKinney School of Law
          Indianapolis, IN

11:15 AM Presentation of Certificates to Law School
          Representatives with Final Remarks from
          the Hon. Heather A. Welch
Program MC
The Hon. Heather A. Welch
Judge, Marion Superior Court, Civil 1
Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN

12:00 PM
Spirit of Excellence Awards Luncheon
Attendance mandatory – ticketed event
JW Marriott Marquis, 3rd Floor, Metropolitan Ballroom

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