JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

SCHEDULE

January 24-26, 2019
Caesars Palace Las Vegas
3570 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas

All Events will be held in the Forum Ballroom 11+25 (Pool Level) unless otherwise indicated
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WELCOME MESSAGES

SCHEDULE

LAW SCHOOL ROSTER

PLANNING COMMITTEE
Dear Students and Volunteers,

Thank you all for taking the time from your classrooms and court-rooms to be part of the 2019 Judicial Clerkship Program. As Chair of the Judicial Division, I welcome you and encourage you to share your insights and questions during our three days of legal problem-solving workshops and presentations.

The Judicial Clerkship Program (JCP) offers a unique opportunity for diverse law students from across America to meet with federal, state and administrative judges and lawyers, and experience the work of a judicial clerk. As you will hear from our presenters, a judicial clerkship provides an excellent opportunity to work closely with a judge or judges who will provide invaluable insight as you embark on a career in the legal profession.

The judges and lawyers who participate in the JCP each year share not only their legal knowledge and resume reviews but also their experience of serving the public in courts and collaborating with judicial clerks to research and resolve cases.

As a partnership between the American Bar Association Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline and the Judicial Division, the JCP empowers its students and inspires its judges and lawyers to promote diversity and equity in our courts. This year my theme for the Judicial Division is “Securing Our Future: Diversity and Inclusion, Access to Justice, Judicial Independence, and the Rule of Law.” I am proud to promote the Judicial Clerkship Program as one of the cornerstones of my theme.

I encourage students to take full advantage of the collective knowledge and wisdom of the judges and lawyers who are participating in the JCP. But most of all enjoy it!

Sincerely,

Hon. Toni E. Clarke, Chair, ABA Judicial Division; Associate Judge (ret.), Circuit Court of Maryland, Seventh Judicial Circuit
Dear Judicial Clerkship Participants:

On behalf of the ABA Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline, welcome to the 2019 Judicial Clerkship Program! The Pipeline Council is pleased to partner again with the ABA Judicial Division for this year’s program. We also would like to thank our sponsors and your law schools for their commitment to the program.

Diversity and inclusion in the legal profession is a core goal of the American Bar Association. The ABA has charged the Pipeline Council with helping to increase diversity in the educational pipeline to the profession. The Judicial Clerkship Program is a key initiative to achieve the ABA’s goal and our charge. The ultimate purpose of diversifying the educational pipeline is to create a legal profession and justice system that is just and equitable. Moreover, a diverse bar and bench that reflect the broader society create greater trust in the mechanisms of government and the rule of law—which is particularly important today.

I am glad that you have decided to join us and hope that you enjoy the program. Like most things in life, you will likely get out of the JCP what you put into it. So take the opportunity over the next few days to make meaningful connections with the volunteer judges and your fellow participants. I look forward to meeting all of you.

Sincerely,

Matthew B. Archer-Beck, Chair, ABA Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline; Senior Counsel, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
10:00 AM  LAW STUDENT CHECK-IN
Forum Ballroom 11+25 (Pool Level)

10:30 AM  PROGRAM OPENING AND WELCOME

PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS AND MASTERS OF CEREMONY

Hon. Heather A. Welch, Judge
Marion Superior Court, Civil 1 Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN

Robert Saunooke, Attorney, Saunooke Law Firm, Miramar, FL

LexisNexis Acknowledgment

LAW STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS
Call for law school representatives to proceed to the podium for introductions.

10:50 AM  OPENING REMARKS

Hon. Toni E. Clarke, Chair, ABA Judicial Division; Associate Judge (ret.), Circuit Court of Maryland, Seventh Judicial Circuit

Matthew B. Archer-Beck, Chair, ABA Council for Diversity in the Educational Pipeline; Senior Counsel, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington D.C.

Robert M. Carlson, President, American Bar Association, Butte, MT

Judy Perry Martinez, President-Elect, American Bar Association, New Orleans, LA

Jack L. Rives, Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer, American Bar Association
11:30 AM  LAW STUDENT LUNCH AND TRANSITION TO BUSES
(Volunteer Judges should be checked in by 11:20 a.m.)

Buses will be located outside of the Colosseum. Follow signs for Colosseum and Forum Shops.

12:30 PM  BUSES DEPART FOR COURT OF APPEALS OF NEVADA

NOTE: CELL PHONES AND OTHER RECORDING DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE COURTHOUSE. PLEASE BE SURE TO LEAVE YOUR DEVICES.

1:00 PM  COURTHOUSE SECURITY/CHECK-IN

1:30 PM  ORAL ARGUMENTS, MEETING WITH LAW CLERKS, AND Q & A
The law students will have the opportunity to hear oral arguments before the Court of Appeals of Nevada. At the conclusion, there will be a Q & A session with the Court’s law clerks.

4:00 PM  BUSES DEPART COURTHOUSE

4:30 PM  BUSES ARRIVE AT CAESARS PALACE

5:00 to 5:30 PM  LEXISNEXIS PRESENTATION

6:00 to 7:30 PM  JUDICIAL DIVISION WELCOME RECEPTION (cash bar)
Attendance Mandatory
Palace Ballroom II-III Foyer (Emperors Level)
8:00 to 8:45 AM  JUDICIAL DIVISION LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST
Attendance Mandatory
Forum Ballroom 12+24 (Pool Level)

9:00 AM  OPENING PANEL
Why You Should Become a Law Clerk

Moderator
Hon. Heather A. Welch, Judge
Marion Superior Court, Civil 1 Indianapolis, Indiana

Panelists
Hon. Richard F. Boulware, U.S. District Judge,
U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada

Hon. Elissa F. Cadish, Judge
Eighth Judicial District Court, Nevada

Hon. James G. Gilbert, Chief Administrative Law Judge
United States Postal Service

Hon. Tierra D. Jones, Judge
Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada

Stephanie A. Snow, Staff Attorney
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

10:30 to 10:45 AM  BREAK
INTRODUCTION OF THE HON. FRANK SULLIVAN 
RESEARCH EXERCISE

Facilitator: Hon. Marcella Holland, Judge (ret.)
State of Maryland Circuit Court Eight Judicial Circuit

Your judge is assigned to draft the court’s opinion on whether the “dual sovereignty” exception to the prohibition against double jeopardy should be overruled. 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.

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.

LUNCH

Short break for judges and law students to pick up box lunches.
12:50 to 1:30 PM  INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
Hon. Marcella Holland, Judge (ret.)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
Paulette Brown, Past President, American Bar Association; Senior Partner and Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer, Locke Lord LLP

1:30 to 2:30 PM  RESEARCH EXERCISE  
Clerks will begin the process of finding and reading opinions via LexisNexis.

2:30 to 3:15 PM  RESUME REVIEW  
Judges will review resumes with law students and provide pointers.

3:15 to 3:30 PM  BREAK

3:30 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.
RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT: SMALL GROUP SESSION #3
Clerks and judges reconvene in their groups to discuss (perhaps debate) the substance of the problem. After 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, e.g., principles of legal writing, drafting jury instructions, etc.

GROUP PHOTO
Judges and law students transition to take group photo.

SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE/ALEXANDER AWARD RECEPTION (cash bar)
Attendance Mandatory
Palace Ballroom II-III Foyer (Emperors Level)

Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Award Presentation; Meet and Greet Spirit of Excellence Nominees

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<td>PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES &amp; FINAL REMARKS</td>
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<td>One rep from each participating law school will collect certificates for their respective law school.</td>
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