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## FEDERAL JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP HONORS CLINICAL COURSE SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCEDURES 2015 - 2016

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Temple Law School is proud to offer a unique clinical program - the Federal Judicial Clerkship Clinical Honors Program. Students are afforded an opportunity to work for federal judges for the entire academic year and participate in the practical aspects of jurisprudence. Working with the judges and their full-time clerks, students draft orders, research issues, prepare bench memoranda and observe judicial proceedings. Students are expected to spend approximately eight to ten hours a week in chambers. Depending on the judge's needs, students occasionally may be assigned additional work or asked to schedule their chamber hours on certain days. The Honorable Lawrence Stengel will teach the classroom component of this course every other Wednesday morning.

This program is prestigious and selection is determined by a committee of law school faculty and administrators. Should you be selected, you will be matched with a federal judge or magistrate. Participating judges include those located in Philadelphia, Camden, and Easton. Philadelphia and Camden judges are easily reached by car or public transportation. Easton requires access to a car. Although the application allows you to designate certain preferences, it is our strict policy that judges cannot pick students and students cannot select their judges.

Your application communicates your willingness to participate. Please remember that your inclusion in the program causes another student to be excluded. **There is NO DROP/ADD for the Federal Judicial Clerkship Program.**

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Application forms may be obtained on-line beginning Friday, February 20, 2015. To apply each student must send (1) a completed application; (2) a resume; (3) a writing sample (no longer than 7 pages) to [jennifer.bretschneider@temple.edu](mailto:jennifer.bretschneider@temple.edu). Applications are due by Monday, March 2, 2015 at 10:00 AM.

The writing sample must be the work of the student only and must be 7 pages or less (any font and any spacing is acceptable). Students should not ask anyone else to review or revise the writing sample. You can use your LRW paper or another writing sample as long as it has not been revised by someone else. The writing sample must be anonymous -- please do not put your name or any other identifying information on the document. When you submit your materials for consideration we will assign a random number to your writing sample so that it can be evaluated.

Every applicant's packet will be reviewed by a committee of law school faculty and administrators. The final selection and assignment of judges will be made at the Committee's discretion. All decisions are final and, if selected, a student must accept his/her assignment. If students have any questions please feel free to stop by Klein 519 to Jen Bretschneider. You can also feel free to call 215-204-2380.

### **PREREQUISITES**

A student interested in participating in the Federal Judicial Clerkship clinical must:

- ✓ have a minimum of 53 credits by the Fall, 2015 semester;
- ✓ have satisfactorily completed (grade of C or better) Evidence (Law 540);
- ✓ have maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0;
- ✓ submit the application, resume and a writing sample by **Monday, March 2, 2015 at 10:00 AM** via email to [jennifer.bretschneider@temple.edu](mailto:jennifer.bretschneider@temple.edu).

Note that Introduction to Trial Advocacy (Law 558) or Trial Advocacy I and II (Law 460/461) are not required, but are preferred.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

<u>Category A:</u>	<i>Grade Point Average</i>	<i>Maximum of 8 points</i>
<u>Category B:</u>	<i>Writing Sample</i>	<i>Maximum of 8 points</i>
<u>Category C:</u>	<i>Other Experience/Achievements</i>	<i>Maximum of 2 points</i>

Examples include: Relevant non-classroom legal experience such as law review, journal work or moot court honor society, etc.; experience with federal courts and/or federal practice, including completion of Federal Courts and Jurisdiction (Law 542) and Civil Procedure II (Law 517).

Optional Category: You may submit a written statement if you wish to expand upon or explain the information appearing in your resume or transcript.

If you have questions or need more information, you can stop by Klein Hall 519 or call Jen Bretschneider at 215-204-2380 or email [jennifer.bretschneider@temple.edu](mailto:jennifer.bretschneider@temple.edu).