

2022 Judicial Clerkship Boot Camp Agenda and Curriculum

1. Introduction to Clerkships: Views from Different Courts

Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Or Tuesday December 28, 2021

Time: 10:00 am MST

Format: Panel

- a. Topics:
 - i. What is a clerkship and how do the duties differ depending on the court?
 - ii. What are some of the highlights of being a clerk?
 - iii. What it looks like from a Court's perspective when they receive resumes and applications
 - iv. What makes an applicant stand out?

2. Benefits of a Clerkship

Date: Tuesday, January 18, 2021

Or Tuesday, January 11, 2021

Time: 10:00 am MST

Format: Panel

- a. Topics:
 - i. How is clerkship different from working at a firm?
 - ii. Skills developed through clerkships
 - iii. Networking and career benefits of clerkships
 - iv. Why we need clerks of color and why racial diversity in the court matters

1. Statistics regarding the racial composition of judicial clerkships

3. Demystifying Clerkships

Date: Tuesday, February 15 Or February 22, 2021

Time: 10:00 am MST

Format: Panel and Q&A hybrid

- a. Topics:
 - i. What skills must I have to be a clerk and how important is GPA?
 - ii. How can I afford to be a clerk?
 - iii. How do I start the application process?
 - iv. Writing Sample and Cover Letters

4. How to Prepare for Your Interview

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2021 Time: 10:00 am MST Format: Lecture/Panel

- a. Topics:
 - i. What kind of questions should I expect?
 - ii. How to get a good recommendation
 - iii. Creating an effective writing sample
 - iv. Avoiding common interview and application mistakes

5. Clerkship/Extern Boot camp: What I Want from My Externship

Date: Tuesday April 5, 2021

Time: 10:00 am MST

Format: Lecture/Training panel participation

- a. Topics
 - i. How does writing for clerkships differ from law school legal writing?
 - ii. Writing effectively as a clerk
 - iii. Best research strategies for clerks
 - iv. How to ask for help and court resources