

## JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP PRACTICUM

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course deals with the process of judicial clerkships, focusing on both state and federal clerkships. The course will cover the history and development of the institution of clerking, clerk selection, judicial philosophy, and the responsibilities associated with clerking. Students will gain exposure to the variety of clerkship opportunities available and to the essential skills required of law clerks, with particular focus on memorandum and opinion writing. The class will have several guest lecturers and field trips. Every attempt will be made to schedule field trips during the designated class time; any outing scheduled outside of our regular meeting time will not be mandatory. The final grade will be based on class participation, a written memorandum and judicial opinion, and an editing exercise.