1. Where can I find general information about judicial clerkships and the application process?

- Judicial clerkship section of the OCP website.
- Behind the Bench - The Guide to Judicial Clerkships (Debra Strauss).

2. Where can I find contact information for judges?

- Judicial Yellow Book - Contact information for federal judges and state judges (appellate courts only for state judges).
- Almanac of the Federal Judiciary - Volume One (district, magistrate, and bankruptcy judges); Volume Two (Supreme Court and appellate judges). Available on Westlaw - AFJ database.
- BNA’s Directory of State and Federal Courts, Judges and Clerks - Directory of federal and state judges that includes state trial court contact information (but not the lower limited jurisdiction courts).
- The American Bench - This is the one print resource with listings of all federal and state court judges (including judges for limited jurisdiction state courts). It provides contact and basic biographical information.
- Westlaw’s Legal Directory of Judges (WLD-JUDGE) - Contact information for all state and federal judges.
- State court websites - Some contact information for state court judges. The National Center for State Courts (www.ncsconline.org) provides links to many of these sites.

3. How can I locate websites for federal and state courts?

- The National Center for State Courts (www.ncsconline.org) and the Federal Judiciary Homepage (www.uscourts.gov under “Court Links”) - Links to federal and state court websites.

4. Where can I find biographical and more detailed information about judges?

- Almanac of the Federal Judiciary - Volume One (district, magistrate, and bankruptcy judges); Volume Two (Supreme Court and appellate judges). Available on Westlaw - AFJ database. Along with biographical information, this resource provides detailed information about federal judges’ professional associations, activities, honors and awards, publications, evaluations from lawyers, and media coverage. The Federal Judges Biographical Database (http://air.fjc.gov/servlet/usPage) - Biographical information
for all judges who have served on the U.S. District Courts, U.S. Circuit Courts, U.S. Courts of Appeals, and the Supreme Court.

- **Judicial Yellow Book** – Biographical information for federal and state judges (appellate courts only for state judges), as well as the identity and educational background of current law clerks.
- **The American Bench** – This is the one print resource with listings of all state court judges (including judges for limited jurisdiction courts). It provides contact information and basic biographical information.
- **Westlaw’s Legal Directory of Judges (WLD-JUDGE)** – Biographical information for state and federal judges.
- **General internet searches.**

5. Where can I find information about federal clerkship availability and a particular judge’s application requirements?

- **The Federal Law Clerk Information System** ([https://lawclerks.ao.uscourts.gov/](https://lawclerks.ao.uscourts.gov/)) – Searchable database with application timing and requirements for some federal judges. This resource also includes a list of judges who have reported that they do not have clerkship openings.

  **Note:** This is not an exhaustive list of all judges that are hiring. Even if a judge is not listed, he or she may be hiring clerks.

- **Information for judges not listed on the FLCIS can be gathered by calling chambers directly.**

6. Where can I find information about state clerkship availability and a particular judge’s application requirements?

- **The Guide to State Judicial Clerkship Procedures** (Vermont Law School) ([http://vermontlaw.edu/career](http://vermontlaw.edu/career)) – General overview of the hiring process for the courts within each state. Until summer 2005 (when the password will change), the username is “guide2006” and the password is “dusty.”

  **Note:** Although this is a good place to start when researching state courts, sometimes the timing information can be too general. Even if it appears that you have missed a deadline, you should confirm this fact by calling chambers (and checking with OCP for additional information).

- **State court websites.** The National Center for State Courts ([www.ncsconline.org](http://www.ncsconline.org)) provides links to many of these sites.
7. Where can I find information about judicial nominations and confirmations?

- The University of Michigan Law School's Judicial Nominations Database (www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/careerservices/nomdb.htm).

8. How can I identify and find contact information for W&L alumni who have served as judicial clerks?

- W & L Alumni On the Bench section of the website – Lists of alumni alumni judges.
- Judges Who Have Hired W & L Law Alumni as Clerks section of the website
- W & L Law Alumni Who Have Clerked – Links by Class Year

9. How can I identify a judge’s current law clerks?

- Judicial Yellow Book (includes each clerk’s school and an index section organized by school for clerks and judges)
- Judicial Staff Directory

10. Once I get an interview, where should I look for more information about a specific judge?

- Search on Westlaw (jurisdictional database) or Lexis for the judge’s recent opinions.
- For federal judges, search on Westlaw or Lexis for the judge’s decisions listed in the A lmanac of the Federal Judiciary under “noteworthy rulings.”
- Search on Westlaw (ALLNEWS) to locate recent articles about the judge.
- Look on the applicable court’s website for press releases that mention the judge.
- Contact the judge’s prior judicial clerks (see #8) or clerks from the same court.