1. Where can I find general information about judicial clerkships and the application process?
   - Judicial Clerkship Information page on the OCP website.
   - *Behind the Bench – The Guide to Judicial Clerkships* (Debra Strauss); available in OCP Library.

2. Where can I find contact information for judges?
   - *Judicial Yellow Book* – Contact information for federal judges (including courts of limited jurisdiction, e.g., International Trade) and state judges (appellate courts only for state judges): available in Law School Library.
   - *Almanac of the Federal Judiciary* – Volume One (district, magistrate, and bankruptcy judges as well as "special courts", e.g., U.S. Tax Court); Volume Two (Supreme Court and appellate judges). Available on Westlaw – AFJ database and in Law School Library.
   - *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. Available in Law School (most current) and OCP Libraries.
   - 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 Federal Judiciary Homepage (www.uscourts.gov under “Court Locator”) and the National Center for State Courts (www.ncsconline.org) – 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 as well as "special courts", e.g., U.S. Tax Court); Volume Two (Supreme Court and appellate judges). Available on Westlaw – AFJ database and in Law School Library. 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.
• **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: available in Law School Library.

• **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. Available in Law School (most current) and OCP Libraries.

• Westlaw’s Legal Directory of Judges (WLD-JUDGE) – Biographical information for state and federal judges.

• **General internet searches.**

• *The ABC’s of Clerkship Research: Tailor the Search to Maximize Fit*, Lorri Olán, NALP Bulletin March 2010

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


• Symplicity ([https://law.wlu-csm.symplicity.com](https://law.wlu-csm.symplicity.com)) – OCP posts to Symplicity clerkship opportunities that come to our attention.

   **Note:** These are not exhaustive lists 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 above databases can be gathered by calling chambers directly.

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


   **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?


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

- W&L Alumni On the Bench section of the OCP website – Lists alumni judges.
- Judges Who Have Hired W&L Law Alumni as Clerks section of the OCP 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): available in Law School Library.
- Judicial Staff Directory (http://library.cqpress.com/jsd/)

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 Almanac 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.
- Review the clerkship interview feedback forms from fellow students who may have interviewed with the same judge: available in Symplicity’s Clerkship Module.