

**Law Faculty Recommenders for Judicial Clerkships
Fall 2014**

Professor Patricia M. Worthy, Chair

1.	Limitations or restrictions	The particular student must have taken at least two of my classes and received a minimum grade of 85. I am also willing to serve as a recommender if the student has worked as my research assistant or on some undertaking that has provided me the opportunity to fully assess their abilities (i.e., writing, research, critical thinking, and professionalism). A student, based on sound reasons, may request a waiver of the grade requirement. However, the basis for such a request must be sound.
2.	Share draft letter with the student	No
3.	Require the student to provide:	
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	Yes
	c. Other	If a student-applicant is targeting specific judges, any personal information that may be helpful for my letter of recommendation should be provided.

Associate Professor Rhea Ballard-Thrower

1.	Limitations or restrictions	I will only write letters for students whose grades are competitive, did quite well in ALR, and did not miss class assignment deadlines.
2.	Share the draft letter with the student	No

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3.	Require the student to provide:	
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	Yes
	c. Other	Must meet with me to discuss their application process.

Assistant Professor Matthew Bruckner

1.	Limitations or restrictions	No
2.	Share the draft letter with the student	Yes
3.	Require the student to provide:	Yes
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	Yes
	c. Other	Must meet with me to discuss why they want a clerkship.

Assistant Professor Sha-Shana Crichton

1.	Limitations or restrictions	No
2.	Share draft letter with the student	No
3.	Require student to provide:	
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	Yes
	c. Other	No

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2.	Share the draft letter with the student	Yes
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	b. Resume	Yes
	c. Other	Must meet with me to discuss why they want a clerkship.

Assistant Professor Sha-Shana Crichton

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2.	Share draft letter with the student	No
3.	Require student to provide:	
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	Yes
	c. Other	No

Professor Christi Cunningham

1.	Limitations or restrictions	No
2.	Share the draft letter with the student	Yes
3.	Student does not have the provide documents.	

Professor Okianer Christian Dark (on Leave)

1.	Limitations or restrictions	Student must have taken classes from me and earned at least an 85 or better. I can write a stronger letter if I have had significant contact with the student outside of the classroom like during office hours, at programs, etc.
2.	Share draft letter with the student	No
3.	Require the student to provide:	
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	Yes
	c. Other	I also have an interview with the student before I make a final decision whether to write the letter.

Associate Dean Dione Duckett

1.	Limitations or restrictions	I must actually have worked with this student. I will not write a letter if I do not feel that I can provide a stellar reference.
2.	Share draft letter with the student	Yes
3.	Require the student to provide:	
	a. Grades	Yes
	a. Resume	Yes
	b. Draft letter of recommendation	Yes
	c. Other	No

Professor Andrew Gail (on leave)

1.	Limitations or restrictions	Yes
2.	Share draft letter with the student	Yes. However, first, I require grades and a meeting with each student. Second, I will not recommend a student for a clerkship if I think the student is competitive.
3.	Require the student to provide:	Yes
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	Yes
	c. Draft	No
	d. Other	No

Professor Alice Gresham

1.	Limitations or restrictions	Will not write letter if student does not meet my standard for strong intellect, integrity, diligence and capacity for very hard work. In addition, I cannot write a letter for a student whose only contact with me was to sit in my class and not participate or interact. I tell students when I cannot write a very good letters of recommendation for a judicial clerkship.
2.	Share draft letter with the student	No - However, I give the student a copy after the letter is prepared.
3.	Require the student to provide:	
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	Yes
	c. Other	I require that they talk to me about why they want to clerk; tell me why they believe they have the demonstrated characteristics required of a judicial clerk.

Professor Steven Jamar

1.	Limitations or restrictions	Meet with to request letter.
2.	Share draft letter with the student	Yes
3.	Require the student to provide:	
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	
	c. Other	A short 1-2 page, single-spaced personal statement about the student's background, reasons for coming to law school, and goals also, a writing sample.

Professor Adam Kurland

1.	Limitations or restrictions	I will not write a letter unless the student has a superior record and I have had an opportunity—before the application process—to evaluate significant written product.
2.	Share draft letter with the student	No
3.	Require the student to provide:	
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	Yes
	c. Other	No

Professor Harold McDougall

1.	Limitations or restrictions	Student must have had at least two courses with me, and earned an A grade in both classes.
2.	Share draft letter with the student?	Yes
3.	Require the student to provide:	
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	Yes

	c. Draft letter of recommendation	Yes
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Associate Professor Mariela Olivares

1.	Limitations or restrictions	Must meet with me to request letter.
2.	Share draft letter with the student	No
3.	Require student to provide:	
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	Yes
	c. Other	

Professor Josephine Ross

1.	Limitations or restrictions	Will only writing a letter for students who have had clinic or seminar with me.
2.	Share draft letter with the student	No
3.	Require student to provide:	
	a. Grades	Yes
	b. Resume	Yes
	c. Other	Students must provide a list of information including courses they took with me, dates of the courses, and details – the title of their papers, feedback on class presentation, etc.

Associate Professor Alice Thomas

1.	Limitations or restrictions	No
2.	Share draft letter with the student	If I agree to provide the recommendation, I provide a template to the students to get things started and then I enlist the student in reviewing the letter once I complete it for finality.
3.	Require student to provide:	
	d. Grades	Included in template
	e. Resume	Included in template
	f. Other	Must meet with me to request recommendation.