WOW! What a Clerkship!
How to Maximize Law Students’ Judicial Externships by Jumpstarting the Classroom Experience

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JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP CLASS TOPICS

I. Overview of Clerking and Materials
   B. Ogilvy, et al, Learning From Practice: A Professional Development Text for Legal Interns (textbook), Chapter 13

II. Judicial Ethics
   B. The code of Conduct for Judicial Employees. (http://www.uscourts.gov/rulesandpolicies/codesofconduct/codesofconductjudicialemployees.aspx)
   C. Code of Conduct for US Judges

III. Research and Writing
   A. Cochran, Chapter 3, Judicial Opinions: Decision-making and Opinion Drafting, pp. 93-139.
   B. Stacy Caplow, From Courtroom to Classroom: Creating an academic Component To Enhance The Skills And Values Learned In a Student Judicial Clerkship Clinic, 75 Neb. L. Rev. 872, 880 (1996).
   F. Dunnewold, Mary, Please the Court: Writing a Bench Memo, 33 Student Law. 22 (May 2005)

IV. **Judicial Decision-making**  
C. Giles, Blackstone, and Vining, *The Supreme Court in American Democracy: Unraveling the Linkages between Public Opinion and Judicial Decision-making*.  

V. **Court Organization**  

VI. **Roles, Responsibilities, and Duties of a Judicial Extern**  
A. Rebecca Cochran, Judicial Externships: The Clinic Inside the Courthouse, Chapter One, The Role of the Judicial Clerk or Extern, pp. 1-42.  

VII. **Clerkship Ready**  

VIII. **Changing Market for Clerks**  
IX. How To Get a Clerkship
A. U.S. Courts, OSCAR (Online System for Clerkship Application and Review), https://oscar.uscourts.gov
B. Susan Harp, Clerkship-Something Every First Year Law Student Should Know, 29 Stetson L. Rev. 1294 (2000).

X. Non-Judicial Perspectives on Courtroom Experience: Lawyers, Juries, and Parties.

XI. Judicial Selection Methods – Appointment Versus Election – and Impacts on the Courtroom Experience.

XII. Judicial Demographics: Who are the Judges and On What Types of Tribunals Do They Serve?
A. Demographic Snapshot of State Trial Court Judges: 1979 and 2004, Erin J. Williamson, American University
(http://www.naspaa.org/initiatives/paa/pdf/Erin_Williamson.pdf)

XIII. Settlement Negotiations and the Roles of Lawyers and Judges

XIV. Diversity in Profession – Diversity On the Bench

XV. Alternative/Specialized/Community Courts and Effectiveness
A. Drug Courts
B. DUI Courts
C. Juvenile Courts
D. Mental Health Courts
E. Family Courts

XVI. Restorative Justice

XVII. Role of ADR in Courts

XVIII. Sentencing