



OSCAR

Online System for Clerkship
Application and Review



UNITED STATES COURTS

E-Newsletter

December 2018

Judiciary

Welcome

The OSCAR Program Office is excited to present a new OSCAR newsletter. The bi-monthly e-newsletter will include program news, upcoming training events, system updates, learning resources, tips, and tools to help users manage the federal clerkship and staff attorney hiring process.

Prepare for System Archiving

OSCAR's annual [system archiving](#) is underway. Here's what you need to know.

Judges & Chambers Staff

To retain your records, download filled/expired positions and applications submitted to those positions **prior to December 10**.

[Learn more >](#)

Staff Attorney Offices

To retain your records, download filled/expired positions and applications submitted to those positions **prior to December 10**.

[Learn more >](#)

Court Unit Administrators

To retain your records, download filled/expired positions and applications submitted to those positions, and run any reports that include this data, **prior to December 10**.

[Learn more >](#)



No Downtime
OSCAR will remain
fully functional



OSCAR Access Dates

Law school students graduating in 2020 will gain access to OSCAR on February 6, 2019 to register for an account, upload documents, search for clerkship positions, and build online applications. The system will store these applications and release them to judges on **June 17, 2019**.

[More Information](#)

How Do I ...

Update Hiring Practices

It is important for judges to keep Hiring Practices statements up to date so that applicants and law schools are aware of your hiring preferences and schedules.

[Learn how to learn how to update your Hiring Practices in OSCAR.](#)

Manage Chambers Staff Accounts

The Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AO) issues only one OSCAR judge account per judge. Due to security concerns, you can create individual accounts for each of your chambers staff and assign specific user rights as needed. OSCAR offers a wide variety of user rights for chambers staff accounts to allow you as much flexibility as needed while maintaining data security.

[Learn how to manage chambers staff accounts in OSCAR.](#)



Training & Resources

Are you interested in learning about reviewing applications, managing chambers staff accounts, posting or closing clerkship positions, running reports, or updating judge profiles? The OSCAR Program Office provides training sessions to help judges, chambers staff, court unit administrators, and staff attorney offices become familiar with using the OSCAR system. Check below for upcoming training events, tools, and materials available throughout the year.



Training at Your Own Speed

The OSCAR Program Office offers one-on-one training for any course to all users.

[Request a one-on-one training session with the OSCAR Program Office >](#)



Additional Resources

From tip sheets to video tutorials, we provide education that is also mobile friendly.

[OSCAR Judge Resources >](#)

[OSCAR Staff Attorney Office Resources >](#)

Contract Awarded for NextGen OSCAR

The Administrative Office of the United States Courts is pleased to announce the award of the NextGen OSCAR contract to Symplicity Corporation. Symplicity has been the provider of the OSCAR system since its inception over 12 years ago and has a deep understanding of the intricacies of federal law clerk hiring, staff attorney hiring, and the needs of the judiciary. The OSCAR Program Office is excited to continue our partnership to bring you a much-improved hiring and information system in 2019.

[Follow OSCAR on LinkedIn](#) or stay subscribed to this newsletter for continued updates on NextGen OSCAR.



NextGen OSCAR



OSCAR Insights Lab

Help build the next generation of OSCAR!

- Receive invitations to preview and test NextGen OSCAR
- Participate in activities such as user testing sessions
- Give insights to help improve and enhance OSCAR

You share. We learn. [Join Today >](#)

Message from OSCAR Management

Season's Greetings! As the 2018 law clerk hiring season is winding down, we're preparing for the class of 2020 to access OSCAR, gathering user requirements for next generation OSCAR, and implementing our new customer service model. Thank you for being patient with us as we aspire to make OSCAR better. We look forward to working with you in the new year!



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