



**OSCAR**  
Online System for Clerkship  
Application and Review



## E-Newsletter

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Non-Judiciary

### Class of 2020: Application Release Date

For law school students graduating in 2020 who have submitted applications to federal clerkship positions, your applications will be released to judges on **June 17, 2019**.

Judges will not seek or accept formal or informal clerkship applications or recommendations, conduct formal or informal interviews, or make formal or informal offers before June 17.



[Learn more](#)



### Finalize Your Applications

For students graduating in 2020, remember to **finalize your applications prior to June 17**, when they are released to judges in OSCAR. After you finalize and submit your application, you will receive an email confirming that your application has been submitted along with a confirmation number. The confirmation number is also listed under *My Applications > Clerkship Applications* in the *Date Finalized* column. [Learn how to finalize your application\(s\) here.](#)

### How Do I...Manage Recommendations?

Law school administrators can fill requests for recommendation letters on behalf of faculty or non-faculty recommenders in OSCAR. Completed recommendation requests are indicated by the green check mark under *Recommendations* in the *Clerkship Applications* list. [Learn how to fill recommendation requests here.](#)



[Learn more](#)

Visit and share with your faculty the [OSCAR Recommender Resources](#) page for more information and guidance on how to navigate the recommendation process.



### NextGen OSCAR Feedback

It was nice to see those of you who were in San Diego at the NALP Annual Education Conference! We hope you were able to visit the OSCAR booth and attend the panel discussion to learn more about NextGen OSCAR.

If you attended the panel or visited our booth and have any feedback on the prototypes you saw, [please submit it here.](#)

We look forward to sharing more information on NextGen OSCAR throughout the summer.

### Training & Resources

Need help applying, submitting a recommendation, or assisting applicants or recommenders? The OSCAR Program Office provides training for all users throughout the year.



## Training at Your Own Speed

Want to learn more about using OSCAR?

We offer one-on-one training to law schools.

Choose from any topic you prefer, such as:

- Helping applicants search for positions
- Assisting recommenders
- Running reports

[Request a One-on-One Training Session with the OSCAR Program Office >](#)

## Additional Resources

The OSCAR Program Office provides various informational resources to help you navigate the online application process, including submitting recommendations. Check out some of our mobile-friendly web resources:

[Applicant Prep Kit >](#)  
[Resources for Law School Administrators >](#)  
[Resources for Recommenders >](#)  
[Recommendation Process Video >](#)

## Message from OSCAR Management

As we move through another busy season of law clerk hiring, we hope you take advantage of the many resources OSCAR offers to help applicants, law schools, and recommenders. We look forward to continue working on improving OSCAR and sharing more NextGen OSCAR prototypes with law schools in the summer!



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