

MEMORANDUM

To: Third Year Law Students Seeking Judicial Clerkships with the Delaware Supreme Court

From: Stephen D. Taylor, Court Administrator

Date: July 1, 2011

Re: Clerkship Applications to the Delaware Supreme Court for September 2012 – September 2013

The Justices of the Delaware Supreme Court are now inviting applications from promising third year candidates for law clerk positions for the year beginning September 2012. The Delaware Supreme Court is one of the most challenging, important and exciting courts in the nation for a judicial clerkship. The Court has a rich and busy mixture of corporate, business, criminal, insurance, tort, and other litigation which is on the cutting edge of national jurisprudence. Placement in clerkship positions in our Chambers is a highly competitive process. Many of our law clerks have gone on to prestigious positions in the profession.

The Delaware Supreme Court is the highest court in Delaware. The Court has one of the heaviest caseloads among all of the highest state courts because Delaware does not have an intermediate appellate court. The Court holds arguments and considers cases on the briefs twelve months of the year. Despite the caseload, the Court is current in its work and renders final dispositions (opinions and orders) on an average of 40 days from submission. The Court's decisions, particularly in the corporate and business law areas, are respected as among the most authoritative in the nation. This role brings with it a responsibility for scholarship, accuracy, coherence, and lucidity.

Please review the attached Delaware Supreme Court Judicial Clerkship Vacancy Announcement which denotes the availability of judicial clerkships with the Delaware Supreme Court for the year commencing September 1, 2012. The deadline for the receipt of applications is November 1, 2011. Individual Justices usually select a law clerk prior to the deadline date. The Delaware Supreme Court is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

The salary figure of \$48,770.80 is the current law clerk salary. All State employees are scheduled for a 2% raise in January 2012. There is also the possibility that the Governor will recommend a salary increase for all State employees in the FY2013 budget submission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (302)577-8742.

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**DELAWARE SUPREME COURT
JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

DATE: July 1, 2011

COURT: Supreme Court of Delaware

ADDRESSES
OF JUSTICES:

Chief Justice Myron T. Steele
Delaware Supreme Court
57 The Green
P.O. Box 476
Dover, DE 19903

Please be advised that
Chief Justice Steele has
selected his two law clerks
for 2012-2013.

Justice Randy J. Holland
Delaware Supreme Court
34 The Circle
P.O. Box 369
Georgetown, DE 19947

Justice Carolyn Berger
Delaware Supreme Court
Carvel State Office Building
820 N. French Street, 11th fl.
Wilmington, DE 19801

Please be advised that
Justice Berger has
selected her law clerk
for 2012-2013.

Justice Jack B. Jacobs
Delaware Supreme Court
Carvel State Office Building
820 N. French Street, 11th fl.
Wilmington, DE 19801

Please be advised that
Justice Jacobs has
selected his law clerk
for 2012-2013.

Justice Henry duPont Ridgely
Delaware Supreme Court
836 W. North Street
Dover, DE 19904

Please be advised that
Justice Ridgely has
selected his law clerk
for 2012-2013.

CONTACT FOR
INFORMATION:

Stephen D. Taylor, Court Administrator, (302) 577-8742

- 1) Number of available clerkships beginning in 2012: 6*
- 2) Number of law clerks employed: 6*
- 3) Term of appointment: One Year Each Starting Date: September 1, 2012

4) Salary: Before admission to Bar: \$48,770.80 (+or-)** Upon admission: same

5) Is clerk expected to take Bar Exam: Not necessary

6) Application dates deadline: November 1, 2011***

Date of selection: At the discretion of each justice****

7) Law Review: Preferred: Yes Required: No

Other academic requirements/preferences: Top 10% - Law School Class

8) Initial applications should include: Resume X Law School

Transcript X Writing Sample X Undergraduate Transcript X

Letter(s) recommendation: X Should recommendations accompany applications:
Yes If not, can they be sent later: Yes

Number of recommendations required: 2 or 3

9) Personal interview required: Only upon request of the Justice

10) Description of clerk's task: Research X Memo writing X Preliminary opinion writing X
Ability to communicate orally X

* Two law clerks are assigned to the Chief Justice.

** All State employees are scheduled for a 2% raise in January 2012. There is the possibility that the Governor will recommend a salary increase for all State employees in the FY2013 budget submission.

*** Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of each Justice.

**** Each Justice reserves the right to make a selection earlier than the November 1, 2011 application deadline.