

MEMORANDUM

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

From: Stephen D. Taylor, Court Administrator

Date: May 20, 2014

Re: Clerkship Applications to the Delaware Supreme Court for September 2015 – September 2016

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 2015. 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 29.7 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, 2015. The deadline for the receipt of applications is October 1, 2014. 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 \$50,243.00 is the current law clerk salary. There is also the possibility that the Governor will recommend a salary increase for all State employees in the FY2016 budget submission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at steve.taylor@state.de.us or (302)577-8742.

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**DELAWARE SUPREME COURT
JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

DATE: May 20, 2014

COURT: Supreme Court of Delaware

ADDRESSES

OF JUSTICES: Chief Justice Strine has selected his law clerks
for the 2015 – 2016 year

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

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

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

- 1) Number of available clerkships beginning in 2015: 6*
- 2) Number of law clerks employed: 6*
- 3) Term of appointment: One Year Each Starting Date: September 1, 2015
- 4) Salary: Before admission to Bar: \$50,243.00 (+or-)** Upon admission: same
- 5) Is clerk expected to take Bar Exam: Not necessary
- 6) Application dates deadline: October 1, 2014***

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

* Chief Justice Strine has selected his two law clerks for 2015 – 2016. Justice Jack B. Jacobs is retiring on June 25, 2014. His successor has not yet been nominated by the Governor.

** There is the possibility that the Governor will recommend a salary increase for all State employees in the FY2016 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 October 1, 2014 application deadline.