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For Current Clerks, Law Students, and Graduates Entering Federal Clerkships

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MESSAGE from the Director

We invite you to join us for Pepperdine’s 16th annual Wm. Matthew Byrne, Jr., Judicial Clerkship Institute, a program dedicated to promoting justice and the federal judiciary through training federal judicial law clerks. Every spring, federal judges and professors from across the country gather at Pepperdine and generously dedicate their time to providing current and future federal law clerks with the skills they need to become effective law clerks. The wisdom they share during the program is invaluable.

We look forward to continuing to work with the American Bankruptcy Institute and Federal Judicial Center, who sponsor bankruptcy and career clerks to attend the conference. We invite term law clerks who will be beginning federal clerkships to enroll. Through the kindness of former law clerks and other friends of Judge Byrne, and also through Pepperdine University, we have travel scholarships available for a limited number of new clerks who would like to attend. We deeply appreciate the continued support of judges, professors, clerks, and students who have helped make this conference a success for over a decade. We look forward to meeting you.

Amy Levin
Assistant Professor of Law
Co-director, Wm. Matthew Byrne, Jr., Judicial Clerkship Institute

Judicial Faculty

The Honorable Carol Bagley Amon
Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
Since April 5, 2011, Judge Amon has served as Chief Judge of the Eastern District and serves on the Judicial Conference of the United States. Judge Amon was a member of the Judicial Committee on Codes of Conduct from 1993 to 2001 and chair from 1998 to 2001. She also served as an advisor to the ABA Joint Commission to Evaluate the Model Code of Judicial Conduct. She is a graduate of William and Mary and the University of Virginia School of Law. Prior to her appointment to the district court in 1990, Judge Amon served as a U.S. Magistrate, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, and a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice.

The Honorable Bobby R. Baldock
United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
President Ronald Reagan appointed Judge Baldock to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in 1985. Previously, Judge Baldock served on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Mexico. During his judicial tenure, Judge Baldock has served the federal courts in numerous administrative capacities. Most recently, he concluded a three-year term as Chair of the Committee on Financial Disclosure of the Judicial Conference of the United States. Judge Baldock graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in 1956 and from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1960. Prior to his appointment to the federal bench, Judge Baldock practiced law for over two decades with Sanders, Bruin & Baldock in Roswell, New Mexico.

The Honorable Duane Benton
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
Judge Benton became a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on July 8, 2004. Judge Benton served on the Missouri Supreme Court from 1991 until 2004, including as Chief Justice from 1997 to 1999. Previously, he practiced law from 1983 to 1988, and served as Missouri’s Director of Revenue from 1989 to 1991. He is a 1972 graduate of Northwestern University and a 1975 graduate of Yale Law School, where he was managing editor of the Yale Law Journal. From 1975 to 1979, Judge Benton served with the U.S. Navy as a judge advocate. While in the U.S. Navy, he earned an MBA from Memphis State University, becoming a CPA in Missouri in 1983. Judge Benton earned an LLM from the University of Virginia in 1995. Judge Benton has been an adjunct professor at Westminster College, the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Law, and Vanderbilt University School of Law.

The Honorable André Birotte, Jr.
United States District Court for the Central District of California
In August 2014 Judge André Birotte, Jr., was sworn in as a federal district judge for the U.S. District Court, Central District of California. Judge Birotte had served as U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California since his appointment in 2010 by President Barack Obama. From 2003 to 2010, Judge Birotte served as Inspector General of the Los Angeles Police Department. From 1999 to 2001, he worked as an associate at Quinn Emanuel, where he represented clients in white-collar crime and commercial litigation matters. Prior to joining Quinn Emanuel, Judge Birotte served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Central District of California from 1995 to 1999 and as a deputy public defender in Los Angeles County from 1991 to 1995. Judge Birotte holds an undergraduate degree from Tufts University and a JD from Pepperdine University School of Law.
Judge Bowdre received her bachelor’s degree, cum laude, from Samford University and her law degree, cum laude, from Cumberland School of Law. Judge Bowdre served as a law clerk for the Honorable J. Foy Guin, District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. She taught at Cumberland School of Law from 1990 until she took office in November 2001. Judge Bowdre was director of the legal research and writing program at the school and taught courses in insurance law, torts, professional responsibility, and appellate advocacy. Prior to joining the law faculty, Judge Bowdre practiced law with the Birmingham law firm of Rives & Peterson, handling numerous trial and appellate matters in state and federal court.

Judge Dancks graduated magna cum laude from Syracuse, New York, from 1991 to 1997. Judge Dancks graduated magna cum laude from LeMoyne College in 1985 and earned her JD degree cum laude from Syracuse University College of Law in 1991. She is a native central New Yorker and assists local community and professional organizations, with an emphasis on helping providers of legal services to the indigent and poor, bar associations, and higher education institutions. Judge Dancks is a past president of the Central New York Women’s Bar Association and established the chapter’s award-winning Domestic Violence Legal Assistance Clinic during her term. She served as chair of the Hiscock Legal Aid Society Board of Directors and has coauthored articles for the Syracuse Law Review.

Judge Dorsey was selected to serve on the Nevada Supreme Court’s Committee on Professionalism, was listed among the Top Women in Litigation and Nevada’s Legal Elite, and held Martindale-Hubbell’s highest AV rating for competency and ethics. She is a member of the UNLV Foundation’s Advisory Board and the Pepperdine School of Law Board of Visitors. She teaches judicial writing for law clerks and externs as an adjunct professor at UNLV’s Boyd School of Law.

Judge Gutierrez was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California in 2007. Prior to joining the federal bench, Judge Gutierrez served for 10 years as a Superior Court judge in Los Angeles Superior Court and a Municipal Court judge in Whittier Municipal Court. Judge Gutierrez graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1981 and from the UCLA School of Law in 1984. After graduating from law school, he worked in private practice, specializing in complex business litigation, professional malpractice liability, and insurance coverage issues. In 1988, he joined the law firm of Cotkin & Collins, where he became the managing partner of the Santa Ana, California offices.

Judge Ikuta was confirmed as a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 2006. Before becoming a U.S. Circuit Judge, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed her to be Deputy Secretary and General Counsel of the California Resources Agency in January 2004. Prior to her political appointment, Judge Ikuta was a partner at the Los Angeles office of O’Melveny & Myers. She joined the law firm in 1990 as an associate and became a partner in 1997. She specialized in environmental and natural resources law. She previously served as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, 1989 to 1990, and Judge Alex Kozinski of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1988 to 1989. She received her JD from the UCLA School of Law and a master of science from Columbia University School of Journalism. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley. In addition to her duties as an active U.S. Circuit Judge, Judge Ikuta is the chair of the Advisory Committee on Rules of Bankruptcy.
The Honorable Robert A. Katzmann
Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
Judge Katzmann is Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Prior to joining the federal bench in 1999, he was Walsh Professor of Government, Professor of Law and Professor of Public Policy at Georgetown University, a Fellow of the Governmental Studies Program of the Brookings Institution, and President of the Governance Institute. Judge Katzmann received his AB, summa cum laude, from Columbia College, AM and PhD in government from Harvard University, and a JD from the Yale Law School. After clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, he joined the Brookings Institution, where he was a research associate, Senior Fellow, Visiting Fellow, and Acting Program Director. He chaired the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on the Judicial Branch. Judge Katzmann received the American Political Science Association's Charles E. Merriam Award, is a recipient of the 2012 Learned Hand Medal of the Federal Bar Council, and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The Honorable Jacqueline H. Nguyen
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
Judge Nguyen was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 2012. Judge Nguyen is the first and currently the only Asian American woman on the Federal Court of Appeals. She previously served as a judge in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California from 2009 to May 2012 and as a Los Angeles Superior Court judge for seven years. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Nguyen was an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Central District of California, including a two-year term as a Deputy Chief in the General Crimes Section. She began her legal career in private practice at the law firm of Musick, Peeler & Garrett in Los Angeles. Judge Nguyen cofounded and served as President of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association from 1999 to 2000 and has served on the boards of several bar associations. She graduated from Occidental College in 1987 and received her JD from the UCLA School of Law in 1991.

The Honorable Beverly Reid O’Connell
United States District Court for the Central District of California
On April 15, 2013, the Senate confirmed Judge O’Connell as a federal judge to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. Prior to joining the federal bench, Judge O’Connell served as a Superior Court judge at the Los Angeles Superior Court and was the supervising judge of the North Valley District. Judge O’Connell also previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California and as the Deputy Chief of the training section, training all new Assistant U.S. Attorneys in the Greater Los Angeles area. Before serving as a prosecutor, Judge O’Connell was an associate at the law firm of Morrison & Foerster, specializing in litigation. Judge O’Connell also serves as an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School and Pepperdine University School of Law, teaching basic and advanced trial advocacy skills. She earned a BA from UCLA in 1986, and graduated, magna cum laude, in 1990 from Pepperdine University School of Law.

The Honorable Milan D. Smith, Jr.
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
Judge Smith was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in June 2006. Prior to becoming an appellate judge, Judge Smith was the managing partner at Smith Crane Robinson & Parker LLP, where his practice focused on the negotiating and documenting of complex business and governmental transactions. Judge Smith previously served as the Vice Chair of the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission, President and General Counsel of the Los Angeles State Building Authority, and Chair of the State Bar of California Real Property Finance Subsection of the Real Property Section. He serves on the board of directors for the Western Justice Center and the Ninth Circuit Judicial Circuit Historical Society. He graduated cum laude from Brigham Young University and received his law degree at the University of Chicago.

The Honorable John M. Walker, Jr.
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
Judge Walker is a senior circuit judge, and was formerly Chief Judge (2000-2006), of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He was a district judge (1985-1989) on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York before being elevated to the Second Circuit. Judge Walker has served as President of the Federal Judges Association and as a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States. He was chair of the conference’s Committee on Judicial Conduct and Disability and a member of the conference’s Executive, Budget, and International Judicial Relations Committees. After receiving his BA from Yale University and JD from the University of Michigan Law School, he was state counsel to the Republic of Botswana. Judge Walker served in the Marine Corps Reserves. After private practice in New York City, he served as a federal prosecutor in New York for five years before returning to private practice as a partner with the New York firm of Carter, Ledyard & Milburn. Judge Walker was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in 1981, where he served until he became a district judge.

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Bankruptcy Faculty

The Honorable Margaret A. Mahoney
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Alabama

Judge Mahoney was appointed U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of Alabama in 1993. She served as Chief Judge from 1996 to 2003. Before serving in the state of Alabama, she was a bankruptcy judge in the Southern District of Texas and also in the District of Minnesota. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Mahoney was a partner with Weil, Gotshal & Manges. She is a Fellow in the American College of Bankruptcy, a former editor in chief of the American Bankruptcy Law Journal, and a member of the board of governors of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Judge Mahoney received her BA from the College of St. Catherine and her JD with honors from the University of Minnesota Law School.

The Honorable Steven W. Rhodes
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Judge Rhodes recently completed a term as Chief Judge. From 1997 to 2004 he also served on the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel (BAP) of the Sixth Circuit, the last three years as Chief Judge. Judge Rhodes was appointed to a new four-year term on the BAP beginning January 1, 2008. He has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan Law School teaching bankruptcy law and is a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. A past member of the American Bankruptcy Institute board of directors, he also served as ABI’s Vice President—Research/Grants. Judge Rhodes received his undergraduate degree from Purdue University and his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

Academic Exchange

Erwin Chemerinsky
Dean and Distinguished Professor, University of California, Irvine, School of Law

Dean Chemerinsky is the founding dean of the School of Law, University of California, Irvine. From 2004 to 2008, he was the Alston and Bird Professor of Law, Duke University School of Law. Before that, he was on the USC faculty for over 20 years. Dean Chemerinsky regularly lectures to judges in programs for the Federal Judicial Center, the National Judicial College, and the American Bar Association. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and Harvard Law School. He is the author of seven books and over 200 law review articles. He regularly argues appellate cases, including in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Douglas W. Kmiec
Caruso Family Chair and Professor of Constitutional Law and Human Rights, Pepperdine University School of Law

Ambassador (ret.) Douglas W. Kmiec is Caruso Family Chair and Professor of Constitutional Law and Human Rights, Pepperdine University. In addition to being an author and syndicated columnist, he has served Democratic and Republican presidents alike. Upon nomination by President Obama and confirmation by the Senate, he was U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Malta, where he completed the construction of a $125.5 million embassy compound and upgraded the security and economic ties between the Mediterranean and the United States. In the face of violence in the Libyan uprisings, the ambassador successfully organized a rescue of the staff of the U.S. embassy in Tripoli and hundreds of other foreign nationals from Libya with a catamaran. Ambassador Kmiec had previously served as head of the Office of Legal Counsel (U.S. Assistant Attorney General) for Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush. A Fulbright Scholar (Asia), White House Fellow, and honorary degree recipient, the ambassador is a graduate of Northwestern and USC. He taught at Notre Dame for nearly 20 years and was dean of The Catholic University of America.

Tony Mauro
Supreme Court Correspondent for The National Law Journal and Legal Times

Tony Mauro has covered the Supreme Court for 35 years—first for Gannett News Service and USA TODAY and then, since 2000, for Legal Times, The National Law Journal, and now Supreme Court Brief, a subscription newsletter about the Court. Mauro received a bachelor’s degree in political science from Rutgers University and a master’s degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Washingtonian magazine has twice included Mauro on its list of the top 50 journalists in Washington. In 1999 the American Bar Association gave Mauro a Silver Gavel Award honorable mention for his stories on Supreme Court law clerks in USA TODAY. Mauro is the author of Illustrated Great Decisions of the Supreme Court, published in 2000, and Landmark Cases, published in 2015 as a companion book to the C-SPAN series with the same name.

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I am honored to have this opportunity, as dean at Pepperdine University School of Law, to host the prestigious Wm. Matthew Byrne, Jr., Judicial Clerkship Institute. Judge Byrne was a personal friend of mine and a highly respected colleague in the federal judiciary. He was a model of judicial excellence, integrity, and public service. As the work of the judiciary continues to become ever more complex and demanding, the training of lawyers to serve as efficient and effective law clerks to federal judges is critical. The goal of this institute is to equip law clerks to make significant and valuable contributions to the judges for whom they work and the judiciary as a whole. I am especially pleased that we are partnering with the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Federal Judicial Center in this endeavor. The Federal Judicial Center is known throughout the nation as an outstanding provider of judicial and judicial staff education. I look forward to welcoming this year’s participants to what promises to be an excellent conference.

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LOCATION AND ACTIVITIES
The Wm. Matthew Byrne, Jr., Judicial Clerkship Institute will be held at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California. The weather in March is typically sunny and pleasant, in the mid-70s during the day and the 50s at night. The campus is approximately 45 minutes up the coast from the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The program will begin on Thursday, March 17, at 8 AM. On Friday, the program will run from approximately 8 AM to 5 PM. Dress for the program is business casual.

TUITION AND ROOM-AND-BOARD
The tuition for the program is $120. MCLE credit is available, including one hour of ethics and one hour of professional responsibility. We will provide breakfast and lunch on Thursday and Friday at no additional cost. We have arranged housing for a limited number of clerks at the Le Meridien Delfina Santa Monica, 20 minutes from the campus. The hotel is within walking distance of the beach, the Santa Monica Pier, and the Third Street Promenade, with its outdoor cafes, unique shops, and street entertainers. A shuttle will operate between the hotel and institute events. We will pair you with a roommate, unless you identify a roommate on your registration form. Total cost per person for a shared room for three nights (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) is $280. Very limited public transportation is available in Los Angeles, so students who want to be independent during their stay should rent a car. Shuttle service (SuperShuttle, 800.258.3826 or Prime Time Shuttle, 800.733.8267) between LAX and the hotel costs approximately $45 each way.

If you have questions concerning registration, travel, or housing, contact: Margaret Barfield at 310.506.4653, or margaret.barfield@pepperdine.edu

REGISTRATION FORM

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□ The judge has granted permission for me to participate in this program.

□ I will attend the Bankruptcy Law Clerk Breakout.
□ I will attend the Career Clerk Breakout.
□ I will: □ Use the shuttle bus □ Have a car at the conference
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PAYMENT

□ Registration for institute ___________________________________________ $120

□ Shared room at the Le Meridien Delfina ($280/person)__________________

Roommate choice (if any):________________________________________________

□ Private room at the Le Meridien Delfina ($500/room)

Total cost: ___________________________

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Funding for the Wm. Matthew Byrne, Jr., Judicial Clerkship Institute currently comes from registration fees and the Pepperdine University School of Law general expense budget.

New Clerks: Limited travel scholarships are available through the generosity of Judge Byrne’s friends and former law clerks. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship to help with travel expenses, please complete the form available at law.pepperdine.edu/jci and submit it with your registration.

Bankruptcy Judicial Clerks: The American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) will support the attendance of a limited number of bankruptcy clerks. Contact Sam Gerdano at ABI by calling 703.739.0800 or e-mailing sgerdano@abiworld.org.

Career Law Clerks: The Federal Judicial Center (FJC) will support the attendance of a limited number of career law clerks. Contact Brenda Baldwin-White, senior judicial education attorney at FJC, by calling 202.502.4112 or e-mailing bbaldwin-white@fjc.gov.

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