

The Wm. Matthew Byrne, Jr.



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AND GRADUATES ENTERING FEDERAL CLERKSHIPS



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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



We invite you to join us for Pepperdine's 19th 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 nearly two decades. We look forward to meeting you.

Amy Levin

*Associate Professor of Legal Research and Writing
Co-Director, Wm. Matthew Byrne, Jr. Judicial Clerkship Institute*

JUDICIAL FACULTY



The Honorable Carol Bagley Amon

*United States District Court for
the Eastern District of New York*

From 2011 to 2016, Judge Amon served as chief judge of the Eastern District. She also served as a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States from 2011 to 2013. 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, including as a member of the Committee on Financial Disclosure from 2002 to 2011, which he chaired from 2008 to 2011. 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 more than two decades with Sanders, Bruin & Baldock in Roswell, New Mexico.



JUDICIAL FACULTY



The Honorable André Birotte Jr.
United States District Court for the Central District of California

In August 2014 Judge Birotte was sworn in as a judge for the U.S. District Court for the 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 Obama. From 2003 to 2010, Judge Birotte served as Inspector General of the Los Angeles Police Department, and 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 the Pepperdine University School of Law.



The Honorable Karon Owen Bowdre
United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama

Chief Judge Bowdre is a district judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. From 1990 until her appointment in November 2001, she taught at Cumberland School of Law where she was director of the legal research and writing program and taught courses in insurance law, torts, professional responsibility, and appellate advocacy. Prior to joining the law faculty, Chief Judge Bowdre practiced law with the Birmingham law firm of Rives & Peterson, handling numerous trial and appellate matters in state and federal court. She had previously served as a law clerk for the Honorable J. Foy Guin, district judge for the Northern District of Alabama. Chief Judge Bowdre received her bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Samford University and her law degree, cum laude, from Cumberland School of Law.



The Honorable Jennifer Dorsey
United States District Court for the District of Nevada

Judge Dorsey serves on the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. Before taking the bench in 2013, she was a partner in the civil litigation firm of Kemp, Jones & Coulthard LLP, which she joined immediately after receiving her JD from Pepperdine in 1997. Although she litigated a wide variety of cases, including complex commercial suits and class actions, she particularly enjoyed her appellate practice: briefing and arguing matters in the Nevada Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. A "grammarphile" for whom writing is not just part of the job, but a passion, Judge Dorsey is dedicated to improving the writing skills of young lawyers, eradicating rogue apostrophes, and preserving the serial comma. She teaches judicial writing for law clerks and externs as an adjunct professor at UNLV's Boyd School of Law.



The Honorable Andrew P. Gordon
United States District Court for the District of Nevada

Judge Gordon was nominated by President Obama to the United States District Court on September 19, 2012. He was confirmed by the United States Senate on March 11, 2013, and was sworn in on April 15, 2013. Judge Gordon serves as the chair of the ADR Committee for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Prior to taking the bench, he practiced law for more than 25 years, most recently at the McDonald Carano Wilson law firm, where he worked for 19 years. He also served as a private arbitrator and mediator. Judge Gordon graduated from Claremont McKenna College in 1984 and from Harvard Law School in 1987. His chambers are in his hometown of Las Vegas.



JUDICIAL FACULTY



The Honorable Kevin C. Newsom

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Judge Newsom is a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. He sits in Birmingham, Alabama.

Before his appointment to the bench,

Judge Newsom was the head of the appellate practice group at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP and before that he served as the Solicitor General of Alabama. As a practicing lawyer, Judge Newsom argued four cases in the United States Supreme Court and nearly 40 more in the United States Courts of Appeals and state supreme and appellate courts. Judge Newsom graduated summa cum laude from Samford University and magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was an articles editor on the *Harvard Law Review*. Following law school, Judge Newsom clerked for Judge Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Justice David H. Souter of the United States Supreme Court.



The Honorable Karen L. Stevenson

United States District Court for the Central District of California

Judge Stevenson was appointed a U.S. magistrate judge for the Central District of California on August 10, 2015. Prior to joining the court, she was Of Counsel

with Buchalter Nemer in Los Angeles, where she specialized in complex commercial litigation. With the Honorable Virginia A. Phillips, Judge Stevenson is coauthor of *Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial* (Rutter Practice Guide) and a frequent speaker on electronic discovery. A former editor in chief for the American Bar Association Litigation Section's *Litigation News*, Judge Stevenson writes a regular column, "View from the Bench," for that publication. Judge Stevenson earned her JD with distinction at Stanford Law School, an MA in European history at Oxford University, United Kingdom, as a Rhodes Scholar, and received her BA in history (Phi Beta Kappa) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



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visit: abiworld.org

ACADEMIC EXCHANGE



Erwin Chemerinsky

*Dean and Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law
University of California, Berkeley Law*

Erwin Chemerinsky became the 13th dean of Berkeley Law on July 1, 2017, when he joined the faculty as the Jesse H. Choper Distinguished Professor of Law. Prior to assuming this position, he was the founding dean and distinguished professor of law at University of California, Irvine School of Law, as well as a professor at Duke University and the University of Southern California Gould School of Law. He is the author of ten books, including two books published by Yale University Press in 2017, *Closing the Courthouse Doors: How Your Constitutional Rights Became Unenforceable* and *Free Speech on Campus* (with Howard Gillman). He frequently argues appellate cases, including in the United States Supreme Court. In 2016 he was named a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In January 2017 *National Jurist* magazine again named Chemerinsky the most influential person in legal education in the United States.



Barry P. McDonald

Professor of Law, Pepperdine University School of Law

Professor McDonald teaches courses in constitutional law, First Amendment law, comparative constitutional law, and copyright law. He is a recognized expert on constitutional law and the U.S. Supreme Court. His current projects include a book on the U.S. Constitution entitled *Our Dangerous Written Constitution*. Professor McDonald graduated with honors from the Northwestern University School of Law. Upon graduation he clerked for the Honorable James K. Logan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and then served as a law clerk to Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist during the 1989–1990 term of the United States Supreme Court. Prior to joining the faculty, Professor McDonald worked for the U.S. Department of State and the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, and as general counsel to two different technology companies. He is currently a member of the State Bar of California, the American Bar Association, and the American Association of Law Schools. Professor McDonald serves on the Scholarly Research Committee of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



The Honorable James A. Wynn, Jr.

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Appointed by President Obama, Judge James A. Wynn, Jr., was confirmed in August 2010 by the United States Senate to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Previously, he served for twenty years as an appellate judge on both the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of North Carolina. He was in the private practice of law before becoming a state appellate judge. His legal career also includes more than twenty-five years in the U.S. Navy Reserve where he served as a military judge and retired at the rank of Navy Captain. He holds a BA degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a JD from Marquette University School of Law, and an LLM from the University of Virginia School of Law.



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 14, 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 Warner Center Marriott Woodland Hills, which is 20 minutes from the campus. The hotel is within walking distance of the Promenade Shopping and Entertainment Center. 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 \$290. 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

Any law student or law graduate who has been selected for or has entered a clerkship with a federal magistrate, district, or appellate court judge is eligible to attend. Bankruptcy law clerks are eligible to attend an additional program track designed by the American Bankruptcy Institute. Career clerks are eligible to attend through a program sponsored by the Federal Judicial Center. Unfortunately, due to space limitations, we cannot accept all applicants, so apply early. The deadline for application and fees is February 8, 2019. Because we respect the desire of some judges to personally supervise all the training of their clerks, all clerks must receive their judge's permission before participating in the program. The registration form has a place for clerks to indicate that they have received such permission. For updated information and pictures of previous programs, visit: law.pepperdine.edu.

FUNDING

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: 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 emailing 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 emailing bbaldwin-white@fjc.gov.

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Law School _____ Class of _____

Judge _____

Court _____ Clerkship Begins _____

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

I will arrive on _____ and depart on _____

PAYMENT

Registration for Institute _____ \$120

Shared Room at the Warner Center Marriott (\$290/person) _____
Roommate Choice (If Any): _____

Private Room at the Warner Center Marriott (\$580/room) _____
Total Cost _____

Payment by: Enclosed Check Visa Mastercard

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