

LAW CLERK HIRING

Judge Hornak has either two (2) or three (3) term law clerks for coterminous one-year terms, beginning in late August/early September.

Judge Hornak accepts applications only via OSCAR. He almost always hires law clerks that will begin service the Fall after their law school graduation, as opposed to after beginning the practice of law. Thus, he usually interviews and makes hiring decisions shortly after clerk applicants have finished their second year of law school, usually by early July, for the Fall one year hence. At times, he defers interviews/decisions until what would be early in the applicants' final semester of law school.

New law clerks are encouraged to take the July Bar Examination (in the jurisdiction of their choice) immediately before they begin their clerkship. Law clerks are permitted to receive and to accept offers of post-clerkship employment.

Judge Hornak's hiring preferences are detailed on his OSCAR page. He usually interviews 10-15 candidates to fill the two (2) or three (3) spots for each year. He receives approximately 200 applications each year. His clerks have attended 17 law schools, 30 colleges and universities, and come from 15 states.

The following is a listing of Judge Hornak's law clerks to date, their law schools, and other clerkships.

2026-2027

Andrew Besner, University of Chicago
Edward LaDuca, SUNY Buffalo
Alyssa Kapasi, Washington University (St. Louis)

2025-2026

Eleanor Newman, Harvard Law School (Hamilton, 7th Cir.)
Adrian Schmitt, Georgetown University Law Center (Chung, 3rd Cir.)

2024-2025

Lucy Augustine, Duke University
Peter O'Neill, Stanford University (Shwartz, 3d Cir.)
Carrie Yamamoto, Duquesne University (Bloch/Fischer/Haines, W.D. Pa.)

2023-2024

Alec Bosnic, University of Pittsburgh (Kahn, 2d Cir.)
Mattie Haag, Harvard Law School (Moore, 6th Cir.)

2022-2023

Jennalee Beazley, Duke University
Clare Saunders, Georgetown University Law Center (Smith, 3d Cir.)
Katherine Thomas, American University

2021-2022

Nicole Agama, University of Virginia (Chung, 3d Cir.)
Madeline Dolan, American University
Hanna Rutkowski, University of Michigan (Diaz, 4th Cir.)

2020-2021

Nina Cahill, University of Michigan (Stranch, 6th Cir.)
Molly Prindle, American University (Gilman, 6th Cir.)
Annie Sloan, University of California, Berkeley (Murguia, 9th Cir.)

2019-2020

John Webster Leslie, University of Virginia
Angela Lesnak, University of California, Berkeley
Terence Parker, Notre Dame (Ripple, 7th Cir.)

2018-2019

Amelia DeGory, Duke University (Rendell, 3d Cir.)
Nick Rutigliano, University of Virginia
Katherine Vaky, Washington University (St. Louis) (Wilkins, D.C. Cir.)

2017-2018

Alysha Bohanon, University of Minnesota (Thacker, 4th Cir.)
Katherine Vaky, Washington University (St. Louis) (Wilkins, D.C. Cir.)

2016-2017

Jacqueline Lash, Harvard Law School (Fuentes, 3d Cir.)
Gavin Thole, University of Michigan (Kleinfeld, 9th Cir.)

2015-2016

Matthew Greer, Georgetown University Law Center (Hall, 2d Cir.)
Kevin Zimmerman, University of Chicago (J. Carnes, 11th Cir.)

2014-2015

Doug Baker, University of Pittsburgh (Fisher, 3d Cir.)
Bethany Lipman, Georgetown University Law Center (McLeese, D.C. Ct. of Apps.)

2013-2014

Joseph Parsons, University of Pittsburgh
Genevra Ventre, Duquesne University

2012-2013

Peter Dickos, Harvard Law School
Haley Wojdowski, University of Pennsylvania

2011-2012

Lisa Henry, University of Pittsburgh
Brett Seifarth, Case Western Reserve University (Finan, Md. Circuit Ct.)