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William & Mary Law School came in 11th among U.S. law schools in percentage of Class of 2018 graduates that secured full-time, long-term federal judicial clerkships, the school announced today. Joining William & Mary in the top 11 are Yale, Stanford, University of Chicago, University of Virginia, Harvard, U.C. Berkeley, University of Michigan, Duke, Vanderbilt and University of Texas. The rankings are based on employment data released by the American Bar Association in late April.

“A judicial clerkship is a marvelous way to begin your career and is a much sought-after opportunity,” said Dean Davison M. Douglas. “I am delighted that so many of our graduates secure judicial clerkships each year with both federal and state court judges.”

Since 2016, William & Mary Law School graduates have obtained approximately 200 federal and state clerkships in 29 states, DC and Puerto Rico.

These graduates have or will clerk in the following locations.

Federal appellate clerkships in the U.S. Court of Appeals:

3rd Circuit (Philadelphia, PA)

4th Circuit (Spartanburg, SC, Alexandria and Roanoke, VA and Charleston, WV)

5th Circuit (Jackson, MS)

6th Circuit (London, KY)

7th Circuit (Lafayette and South Bend, IN)

10th Circuit (Lawrence, KS and Salt Lake City, UT)

11th Circuit (Montgomery, AL and Atlanta, GA)

U.S. Court of Federal Claims

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces



Clerkships with federal district court judges, federal magistrate judges, and federal bankruptcy judges in:

Arkansas (Western District, Ft. Smith)
California (Southern District, San Diego)
Florida (Middle District, Orlando; Northern District, Tallahassee)
Indiana (Northern District, South Bend)
Kentucky (Eastern District, Lexington; Western District, Louisville)
Maryland (District of Maryland, Baltimore)
New York (Southern District, White Plains)
North Carolina (Middle District, Winston-Salem)
Pennsylvania (Eastern District, Allentown and Philadelphia; Middle District, Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre)
Puerto Rico (District of Puerto Rico, San Juan)
South Carolina (District of South Carolina, Greenville and Charleston)
Tennessee (Eastern District, Greeneville)
Texas (Eastern District, Sherman; Southern District, Houston and Laredo)
Virginia (Eastern District, Alexandria, Norfolk, and Richmond; Western District, Roanoke)
West Virginia (Southern District, Charleston and Huntington)

Staff attorney offices in the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 4th (Richmond, VA) and 11th (Atlanta, GA) Circuits

U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office of Immigration Review (Los Angeles, CA; Newark, NJ; El Paso, TX; and San Antonio, TX)

U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Administrative Law Judges (Washington, DC and Newport News, VA)

Clerkships with state appellate court judges:

Virginia Supreme Court
Court of Appeals of Virginia
Colorado Court of Appeals
Delaware Supreme Court
Kentucky Court of Appeals
Maryland Court of Special Appeals
Michigan Supreme Court



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Montana Supreme Court
Nebraska Court of Appeals
West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals

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Thomas Jefferson founded William & Mary Law School in 1779 to train leaders for the new nation. Now in its third century, America's oldest law school continues its historic mission of educating citizen lawyers who are prepared both to lead and to serve.