

Guidance to Federal Law Clerks on Post-Clerkship Employment Issues¹

In addition to the [Code of Conduct for United States Judges](#) and [Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees](#), the federal judiciary offers guidance on ethics and professionalism in [Published Advisory Opinions](#). These Opinions are issued from time to time in response to questions posed by judges. The Committee on Codes of Conduct, a committee of federal judges within the Judicial Conference of the United States, is responsible for the Codes of Conduct and the Published Advisory Opinions.

A number of Published Advisory Opinions concern judicial clerks and employment; for convenience, below are three opinions that federal clerks may find to be most relevant:

- No. 74: Pending Cases Involving Law Clerk's Future Employer
- No. 83: Payments to Law Clerks from Future Law Firm Employers
- No. 109: Providing Conflict Lists to Departing Law Clerks

You can access these opinions, as well as the full collection of Published Advisory Opinions, [here](#).

(Note: The federal judiciary has revamped its website more than once in the past several years. If the link above stops working, you will be able to find the information by visiting www.uscourts.gov and looking for Rules & Policies.)

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