

CLE materials for

*Court Web: Ethics Training for Federal Judicial Law Clerks and Judiciary Employees*

The Federal Judicial Center has provided the attached materials to assist courts in program planning and in applying for continuing legal education (CLE) credit for the webcast *Court Web: Ethics Training for Federal Judicial Law Clerks and Judiciary Employees*. The materials include faculty biography, a continuing legal education application form, and a certificate of attendance (**fillable and not fillable forms**) for the webcast.

The Center is unable to process individual applications for CLE credit, and therefore there is no preapproval, but these materials will help you facilitate the process in your court. **Each individual attorney is responsible for submitting an application for CLE and for making any payments that are required.** The Center does not have course numbers for the jurisdictions; you will have to acquire that information once you apply for CLE credit in the jurisdiction for which you desire credit. **With regard to the Court Training Specialist signature that is required on the Certificate of Attendance, you can have your court's Training Coordinator/Training Specialist or Human Resources Specialist/Human Resources Manager sign the certificate. (The FJC does not sign this document.)** After it is signed, please submit the form to the CLE Commission or State Bar for which you seek credit. We strongly recommend that you contact your state's CLE board for information about CLE requirements, which vary from state to state.

If you have any questions about the CLE application process please contact Rhonda Starks at 202-502-4059 or [rstarks@fjc.gov](mailto:rstarks@fjc.gov). If you have any questions about the program in general please contact Brenda Baldwin-White at 202-502-4112 or [Bbaldwin-white@fjc.gov](mailto:Bbaldwin-white@fjc.gov).

## **Program Description**

### ***Court Web: Ethics Training for Federal Judicial Law Clerks and Judiciary Employees***

**August 18, 2021 – 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Host Brenda Baldwin-White, Senior Judicial Education Attorney, talks with Judge Ralph Erickson, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and Chair, U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on Codes of Conduct, Chief Judge Tanya Pratt of the Southern District of Indiana, and Robert Deyling, Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, about the codes of conduct that govern law clerk behavior, including identifying conflicts of interest, determining appropriate conduct inside and outside the courthouse, writing and teaching outside of one's job, and understanding and avoiding the various pitfalls surrounding the use of social media. The discussion will help clerks, judges, and chambers staff sort through the inevitable ethical issues confronting chambers during the employee transition. The discussion will also teach individuals how to research their own ethical issues as well as how to spot ethical issues that are less intuitive than one might think.

**Faculty:** Judge Ralph Erickson, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Tanya Pratt, Southern District of Indiana, and Robert Deyling, Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

## ***Faculty Biographical Information***

**Robert P. Deyling:** Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

Education: B.A., Stanford University, 1982; J.D., New York University, 1987.

Professional: Associate attorney, Crowell & Moring, Washington, DC, 1987-1991; Staff Attorney, U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit, 1991-1994; Supreme Court Fellow, 1994-1995; Attorney-Advisor, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, 1995-2004; Assistant General Counsel, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, 2004-present.

**Judge Ralph R. Erickson:** Circuit Judge, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals

Education: B.A., Jamestown College, 1980; J.D., University of North Dakota, 1984.

Professional: Private Practice, West Fargo, North Dakota, 1984-1994; Magistrate Judge, State of North Dakota, 1993-1994; County Judge, State of North Dakota, 1994; District Judge, State of North Dakota, 1995-2003; U.S. District Judge, District of North Dakota, 2003 to 2017; Chief U.S. District Judge, District of North Dakota, 2009-2017; Circuit Judge, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2017 to Present.

**Chief Judge Tanya Pratt:** Chief District Judge, Southern District of Indiana

Education: Spelman College, B.A., 1981; Howard University School of Law, J.D., 1984.

Professional: Private practice, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1984-1996; Judge, Marion County [Indiana] Superior Court, 1997-2010; Criminal Division, 1997-2008; Probate Division, 2009-2010; Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana, since 2010; Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana March 2021 to Present.

**UNIFORM APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION OF CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

To the state of:

1. Sponsoring organization:  
 Name: **Federal Judicial Center**  
 Address: **Education Division (ED)**  
**One Columbus Circle, NE**  
**Washington, DC 20002-8003**  
 Telephone: **202-502-4059 x4059** Fax: **202-502-4299**  
 Email: **rstarks@fjc.gov**
2. Title of educational activity: **Court Web: Ethics Training for Federal Judicial Law Clerks and Judiciary Employees**
3. Date(s) and location(s): **Virtual August 18, 2021 (Being recorded for future viewing)**

4. Registration fee: - 0 -

5. Writing surface available?  Yes  No

6. Delivery Method(s):  faculty in room with participants;  
 telephone to broadcast site;  interactive video;  webinar;  audiotape presentation;  streaming video;  
 interactive computer/Internet;  discussion leader present

7. Type of Law code(s): 1. ; 2. (Optional) ; 3. (Optional)  
 Difficulty Level:  Beginner;  Intermediate;  Advanced

8. Advertised to:  Lawyers;  Clients;  Others (specify): **Federal Judges and Attorneys**

9. List any admission restrictions:

10. "In-house activity" requirement (see local rules to determine applicability):  
 open/publicized to outside lawyers  outside lawyers are 0% of faculty  clients are 100% of audience

11. Method of evaluation:  participant critique;  independent evaluator;  none;  
 other:

12. Description of materials to be distributed: **total pages ;**  loose-leaf  bound  
 Distributed:  before program;  at program;  other: **Online**

13. REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS to this application:
  - a. time schedule (brochure, course outline, course description)
  - b. table of contents or equivalent
  - c. faculty name(s) and credentials (if not in brochure or description)
  - d. complete set of materials (only in states where required)
  - e. fees (only in states where required)

14. Total minutes of instruction, not including breaks, meals or introductions:  
 General (non-ethics): **0**  
 Ethics (minutes): **60** Substance Abuse: **0**  
 Total: **60**  
 Other: **0**

15. Approval by other states: Granted by: **California**  
 Denied by:

16. Submitted by:  employee of sponsor/provider;  individual lawyer

STATE ACCREDITATION OFFICE  
 NOTICE OF DECISION  
 Course No. \_\_\_\_\_

(To be completed by the state accreditation office and returned to applicant)

**The following action has been taken on this application:**

RETURNED for more information. Please complete each item on the form indicated by the number(s) circled below:  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

APPROVED for \_\_\_ CLE credits, Including \_\_\_ Ethics credits

DENIED Reference \_\_\_\_\_

SEE ATTACHED MATERIALS.

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 Name of person applying (type or print)

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 Address (if different than above)

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 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone and Fax (if different than above)

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 E-mail address (if different than above):

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**ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE**

**This certificate should be filed with the appropriate MCLE Board or Commission within 30 days of this activity.**

*(keep a copy for your records)*

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Registrant signature

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Registrant name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, state, zip code

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Attorney No. (if applicable) for \_\_\_\_\_  
State

I attended a total of \_\_\_\_ hours at the viewing site in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please note that different jurisdictions approve varying numbers of credit. The total hours above is the actual number of 60-minute hours attended.)

**Affirmation/Verification/Attendance Code:** Please enter the Affirmation Code that was displayed on the screen during the webcast.

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**TRAINING COORDINATOR CERTIFICATION**

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