

WHY CHOOSE WINSTON?

Opportunities for Judicial Clerks

Winston & Strawn values the experience and skills that former judicial clerks bring to our clients. We actively seek out former and prospective judicial clerks to join our Litigation Department.

Attorneys who join our Litigation Department have the opportunity to work alongside industry-leading trial lawyers from across the firm, as well as with our appellate and critical motions attorneys who are nationally renowned.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP PROGRAM

We encourage our Summer Associates to pursue judicial clerkships in the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Courts of Appeals, federal district courts, and state supreme courts in cities where Winston has offices or where we regularly practice, including the Delaware Court of Chancery.

Incoming Associates who join Winston after completing a qualifying clerkship* receive a competitive clerkship bonus and class-year credit commensurate with the firm's clerkship policy.

We strongly encourage prospective associates to discuss their clerkship application plans with a member of the Attorney Recruiting Department in advance of applying for clerkships.

** Clerkship bonuses are paid only for qualifying judicial clerkships. Class year credit for judicial clerkships is assessed on a case-by-case basis. For more information, contact a member of the Attorney Recruiting Department.*

470+

ATTORNEY LITIGATION TEAM

150+

FORMER FEDERAL AND STATE TRIAL AND APPELLATE CLERKS PRACTICE AT WINSTON

Rankings and Recognitions

LAW360

- Practice Group of the Year: Antitrust/Competition (2021) & Sports (2020–2023)

CHAMBERS USA

- 13 Litigation Practices Ranked in Bands 1 & 2 (2023)

BENCHMARK LITIGATION U.S.

- Top 20 Trial Law Firm (2019–2024)
- 7 partners named to the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in America (2024)
- 6 partners named to the Top 250 Women in Litigation (2024)
- 7 attorneys named to the 40 & Under Hot List (2024)

BEST LAWYERS®

- Law Firm of the Year: Antitrust (2020, 2023)
- Law Firm of the Year: Sports Law (2020–2022)
- 12 National Tier 1 Litigation Practices (2023)

THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL

- Appellate Hot List (2023)

GLOBAL ARBITRATION REVIEW

- GAR 100 – International Arbitration (2023)

LITIGATION FAST FACTS

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FELLOWS OF THE AMERICAN
COLLEGE OF TRIAL LAWYERS

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FORMER
FEDERAL
PROSECUTORS

6

WOMEN LITIGATORS ON
BENCHMARK LITIGATION TOP
250 WOMEN LITIGATORS LIST

2,750+

FEDERAL COURT AND AGENCY
CASES HANDLED OVER THE PAST
FIVE YEARS

30+

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION
ATTORNEYS IN KEY GLOBAL
CENTERS—LONDON, PARIS,
NEW YORK

225+

TRIALS AND ARBITRATIONS OVER
THE PAST 10 YEARS

NOTEWORTHY FORMER CLERKS



LINDA COBERLY
CO-CHAIR OF LITIGATION
DEPARTMENT
Chicago
Former Clerk, U.S. Supreme Court;
Chair, ERA Coalition Legal Task Force



SPENCER CHURCHILL
ASSOCIATE
Washington, D.C.
Former Clerk, USCA Fifth Circuit;
USDC District of Columbia;
USCA D.C. Circuit

“ The opportunities for judicial clerks here – in both trial work and appellate work – are just unbeatable. ”

LINDA COBERLY



TOM MELSHEIMER
CO-CHAIR OF LITIGATION
DEPARTMENT
Dallas
Former Clerk, USCA Fifth Circuit

“ When I returned to Winston after my clerkship, I was able to put my enhanced legal writing skills and procedural knowledge to use immediately. ”

ANGELA SMEDLEY



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PARTNER
Chicago
Former Clerk,
USDC Southern District of NY



ANGELA MACHALA
MANAGING PARTNER
Los Angeles
Former Clerk, USDC Central District of
CA; USCA Ninth Circuit