

The Objectives of Judicial Clerkship

The goal is to enable the participants to receive in-depth exposure to the court's work and a judicial clerkship is intended to be an integral part of the participant's articles.

The program endeavours to give the participants the opportunity to:

- (i) apply and improve their skills, including legal analysis, research, writing, and oral communication;
- (ii) observe and reflect upon the work of the courts and the role of lawyers and judges;
- (iii) become familiar with the various internal offices that support the courts;
- (iv) learn about the process of judicial decision – making;
- (v) consider lawyering skills and professional responsibility issues within court settings;
- (vi) develop a productive working relationship with judges and court staff;
- (vii) understand the mission of the court, the policies and procedures of the workplace, and the resources available through legal research;
- (viii) understand the court's conflict policy and rules from maintaining confidentiality of information, documents and files.

During the period of clerkship, a participant will be required to perform any or all of the following duties:

- conduct research for the writing of judgments or rulings as directed by the judge or magistrate;
- participate in the administrative functions of the court, including by performing proof-reading, editing, head noting or similar functions, and attending meetings whenever necessary;
- attend court hearings in all divisions of the Grand Court and the Summary Court;
- analyse and discuss cases with judicial supervisor