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Clerkships

Honorable Peter J. Phipps, United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Pittsburgh, PA, 2022-2023

Honorable John P. Cronan, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, NY, 2024–2025

Honorable Richard J. Sullivan, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, New York, NY, August 2025–February 2026