

Conservative Group Suspends Clerkship Boot Camp After Questions About Secrecy and Loyalty Pledges

The New York Times reports on the Heritage Foundation's "Federal Clerkship Training Academy," which required applicants to keep the training materials secret and to pledge that they wouldn't use any of the training materials "for any purpose contrary to the mission or interest of the Heritage Foundation."

The report by **Adam Liptak** says application materials told prospective clerks that "generous donors" were making "a significant financial investment in each and every attendee."

"But legal experts said the effort by Heritage to train and influence law clerks raised serious ethical questions and could undermine the duties the clerks have to the justice system and to the judges they will serve," according to Liptak.

A few hours after the *Times* report went online, the foundation announced that it was suspending the program.

Read the *NY Times* article.