

Law Student Opportunities

Public Rights Division

Natural Resources Law Section

San Francisco - Oakland



The Natural Resources Law Section represents many of the California state agencies responsible for protecting the state's natural resources and enforcing state environmental laws. The section's attorneys defend client agencies in challenges to agency administrative actions and also represent the agencies in actions to enforce the state's air quality, water quality, water rights, endangered species, water supply, pesticide, forestry, agricultural, and other natural resource laws. Attorneys in the Natural Resources Law Section practice at all trial and appellate levels in both state and federal courts.

The Natural Resources Law Section has volunteer opportunities for law students during both the school year and the summer. Students working for the San Francisco/Oakland offices would be situated in the San Francisco office but would work for Natural Resources Law Section attorneys located in both offices. The positions involve rigorous legal research and writing, including drafting pleadings, drafting discovery, and evaluating evidence for trial, as well as the opportunity to observe all aspects of litigation and client counseling. Student interns may have the opportunity to attend appellate arguments, trials, depositions, motion hearings, settlement conferences, client meetings, and other "real world" proceedings. The Natural Resources Law Section offers a broad exposure to the practice of environmental law in the public sector.

Applicants for internships must be law school students. Internship positions are competitive and applicants must have excellent analytical, research, and writing skills. A background check is required before hiring.

How to Apply:

To apply for a position, email (preferred) or mail a cover letter, résumé, a recent law school transcript, writing sample, and three professional references (or letters of recommendation) to:

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