

Law Student Opportunities

Criminal Law Division

Appeals, Writs and Trials Section

Fresno



The California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Law Division, Appeals, Writs and Trials Section ("Fresno-AWT") in Fresno, is currently recruiting students for clinical internships.

Deputy Attorneys General in AWT represent the People of California in post-conviction proceedings. Students will draft Respondent's Briefs in appeals from felony convictions that are filed in the California Court of Appeal for the Fifth Appellate District. This involves reviewing the record on appeal, conducting research, analyzing legal issues, and developing arguments.

The student team is supervised by a deputy, and all student briefs are reviewed and critiqued. Students will manage their own caseload. Appeals involve issues of criminal law and procedure, including constitutional, evidentiary, and instructional issues. Students who are certified by the California State Bar may have the opportunity to argue before the California Court of Appeal or the Superior Court. Although this is a volunteer position, it provides an excellent opportunity to become familiar with all aspects of criminal law and appellate practice. It also provides an opportunity to work in an office that has outstanding support and supervision. If it is possible for students to receive academic credit for the position, we will be glad to accommodate.

WHO MAY APPLY:

2Ls (or 3Ls in a 4-year program) may apply. Applicants must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills. Coursework in criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence, legal writing and research, and appellate advocacy is strongly preferred.

How to Apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume, transcript (unofficial is acceptable), short writing sample (3-5 pages), and 2-3 references to:

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