

# Law Student Opportunities

## Criminal Law Division

### Appeals, Writs & Trials Section

#### Los Angeles



The Appeals, Writs and Trials ("AWT") Section of the Criminal Division of the California Attorney General's office represents the People of the State of California in post-conviction proceedings involving felony convictions. This includes writs and appeals in the state Court of Appeal, Federal District Court and Court of Appeals, as well as the California and United States Supreme Courts. AWT attorneys respond to state and federal habeas corpus petitions, and post-conviction proceedings in death penalty cases. This section also conducts original criminal investigations and prosecutions in cases involving conflicts of interest by county prosecutors.

The law student program in Los Angeles is presently accepting applications from first, second, and third-year students for law clerk positions. Law students in Los Angeles AWT are given the same responsibilities as first-year Deputy Attorneys General, work primarily drafting respondent's briefs and other pleadings in criminal appeals, and occasionally assist attorneys with federal habeas corpus work. Students are also exposed to the criminal justice community through trips to the Los Angeles County Men's Central Jail, police crime lab, and other related activities.

Second year law students who have completed evidence and civil procedure may be certified by the State Bar to make court appearances. Certified law clerks appear in the California Court of Appeal (under the supervision of a Deputy Attorney General) to represent the People of the State of California at oral argument in felony cases.

Summer clerks are typically required to work for a period of ten weeks for 40 hours per week. Clerks working during the fall or spring semesters must commit to a minimum of two, eight-hour days per week. Student internships are generally unpaid. However, students may receive school credit, and occasionally work study funds are available through individual law schools.

To apply, candidates should submit the following items: (1) a resume, (2) a writing sample of no more than ten pages, and (3) grade point information. Candidates chosen for an interview must also submit at least two references familiar with the candidate's work habits and analytical skills. A mandatory background security check will be performed on all candidates prior to the beginning of the internship.

### Apply and direct questions to:

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