Law Student Opportunities
Criminal Law Division
Correctional Writs & Appeals Section
Los Angeles

The Correctional Writs and Appeals section (CWA) of the Criminal Division in Los Angeles is accepting applications for law student internships.

CWA deputies represent the Governor’s office and Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in state and federal courts against constitutional challenges raised in petitions for writ of habeas corpus. CWA deputies also respond to petitions seeking extraordinary writ relief from our clients, such as writs of mandate or writs of prohibition.

CWA law student interns work closely with deputies and conduct legal research, draft pleadings and briefs for courts, and assist in preparation for court hearings. Law student interns certified through the State Bar Practical Training for Law Students Program may have the opportunity to appear and argue in the Court of Appeal. Law student interns also have the opportunity to attend oral arguments, tour state prisons, and observe state and federal court proceedings.

Successful applicants demonstrate strong writing and oral advocacy skills. Most successful applicants are second year law students who have completed courses in Constitutional Law, Evidence, and Criminal Law by the beginning of their internship.

How to Apply:

To apply, applicants should email a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and an unofficial transcript to:

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