

Law Student Opportunities

Public Rights Division

Consumer Law Section

Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco



The Consumer Law Section of the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has volunteer internship and externship opportunities for law students and recent law school graduates in its Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco offices.

The Consumer Law Section enforces state consumer protection laws that prohibit false advertising and unfair, fraudulent, and unlawful business practices and false advertising. The Consumer Law Section investigates and litigates consumer fraud issues of statewide importance, seeking injunctions, civil penalties, restitution to victims, and other equitable relief on behalf of the People of the State of California. These cases often involve complex litigation and affect potentially millions of people. Typical cases include litigating at the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts; conducting in-depth investigations and other research; negotiating and drafting settlement and restitution plans; and working with other law enforcement agencies, including district attorneys throughout California, attorneys general in other states, and federal consumer protection agencies.

Interns and externs will have the opportunity to assist attorneys by researching a broad range of legal issues, preparing written memoranda and motions, interviewing witnesses, reviewing and assessing evidence, and drafting civil discovery requests and responses. They may also attend depositions, court hearings, and trials.

Applicants must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills. The Consumer Law Section will accept summer internship applications from students who wish to intern during the summer after their first, second, or third year of law school. The Consumer Law Section will accept fall and spring externship applications from law students who wish to extern during their second or third year of law school, as well as from recent law school graduates willing to volunteer their services. Fall and spring externship hours are flexible and may be adjusted as appropriate.

How to Apply:

Interested law students and law school graduates should submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to:

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Please state in your cover letter whether you are interested in the Los Angeles, San Diego, and/or San Francisco offices of the Consumer Law Section and, if you are interested in more than one office, indicate your order of preference. Please also indicate whether you are separately applying to the Privacy Enforcement & Protection Unit (a unit within the Consumer Law Section with its own application process).