The Office of the Attorney General is currently recruiting law students for its Internship Program. The Correctional Law Section (CLS) provides exciting and rewarding opportunities for candidates interested in pursuing a career in public service and civil litigation.

CLS Deputy Attorneys General mainly represent employees of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in civil suits filed by prisoners and parolees. Cases range in scope from state tort claims to complex constitutional issues in federal courts. The majority of the section's cases involve defending federal civil rights lawsuits brought by inmates in state prison alleging excessive force, violations of religious rights, and challenging conditions of prison confinement.

Students selected as interns will assist deputies on varied legal research and writing projects, such as motions to dismiss, summary judgment motions, Ninth Circuit appellate briefs, and more. Interns may have the opportunity to accompany and assist deputies at depositions, settlements, and trial. This experience has been invaluable for past interns who have obtained permanent positions with the Attorney General's Office.

Applicants for the CLS Internship Program must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills. Applicants should have completed law school classes in constitutional law, civil procedure, and research and writing. Appellate and trial advocacy may also be helpful, but are not required.

Interns in the Sacramento office will tour California State Prison-Sacramento and/or Folsom State Prison. We are accepting applications from rising 3L students.

How to Apply:
Students interested in applying to CLS's Summer Internship Program (Sacramento) should submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to SACCLSinternships@doj.ca.gov. If you have any questions regarding the internship program, please contact:

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Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. This is an un-paid internship. However, some previous interns have obtained academic credit or work study funds for the position.