

Law Student Opportunities

Civil Law Division

Health, Education and Welfare Section

Los Angeles



The Health, Education and Welfare Section (HEW) has openings for interns/law clerks for the Fall and Spring semesters and the Summer. The HEW section handles the litigation for all the major health and welfare agencies in the State including the Governor, Departments of Health Services, Social Services, Mental Health, Developmental Services, Education, Rehabilitation, Employment Development, Toxic Substances Control, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, State Board of Education, and Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.

Our cases are high profile and interesting, and often deal with major constitutional and/or policy issues. Some issues have included the constitutionality of various aspects of the Medicaid program; the constitutionality of faith-based initiatives and the pledge of allegiance; and the prosecution of teachers that engage in inappropriate relationships with their students. Our caseload includes work performed at the administrative as well as trial and appellate court levels, in both state and federal court.

Under the supervision of an attorney, externs will write briefs, conduct research, and if certified, argue cases. Externs are encouraged to follow cases through to trial or hearing, if possible. Although this is a volunteer position, it provides an excellent opportunity to become familiar with a government litigation practice and to work in an office that provides outstanding support and supervision. If it is possible for students to receive academic credit for the position, we will be happy to cooperate.

WHO MAY APPLY: We accept applications from 2L-3L students in good standing at accredited law schools.

WHEN TO APPLY: HEW accepts applications for Extern positions at the beginning of each semester for the next semester.

How to Apply:

An application package should consist of (1) a curriculum vitae (including a list of relevant experience and courses), (2) one or more writing samples, (3) two or three references, and (4) a cover letter.

Send the application package to:

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