

**OFFICE OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Law Student Opportunities**

Civil Law Division  
Correctional Law Section



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The Correctional Law Section (CLS) of the Office of the Attorney General is currently accepting applications from law students for the Attorney General Summer Internship Program. The summer internship program provides exciting and rewarding opportunities for candidates interested in pursuing a career in public service and civil litigation.

CLS Deputy Attorneys General represent employees of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in civil suits filed by prisoners and parolees. The majority of the section's cases involve defending federal civil rights lawsuits alleging violations of an inmate's constitutional rights, including claims arising under the First, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments. Cases may also involve allegations arising under California law or federal statutes.

Interns will assist deputies on varied legal research and writing projects, such as motions to dismiss, summary judgment motions, or discovery matters. Interns may have the opportunity to accompany and assist deputies at depositions, mediations, and occasionally at trial. Interns often conclude the internship by drafting a civil motion that is filed in state or federal court. In past years, interns have toured a correctional facility and have met with federal and state judges.

Applicants for internships in CLS must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills, and substantive experience with constitutional law and civil procedure is preferred.

We are accepting applications from rising 2L and 3L students on a rolling basis, but request that applications for an internship in Summer 2021 be submitted before February 15, 2020. Candidates selected for interviews will be notified by February 28, 2020, and offers are expected to be extended in March. The internship is typically expected to commence in May, but the specific start date may be negotiable. Interns must be fingerprinted prior to starting the internship. Spring or Fall internships may also be arranged on an individual basis.

**How to Apply:**

Students interested in applying for a summer internship with CLS should submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample (a law school transcript is desirable, though not required) via email to:

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This is an un-paid internship. However, previous interns have obtained academic credit or work study funds.