

Law Student Opportunities

Public Rights Division

Healthcare Rights & Access Section

Los Angeles & San Diego



The Healthcare Rights and Access Section serves as the lead in proactive healthcare work, representing the Attorney General in his independent capacity and coordinating this work with others in the Department of Justice, including the Solicitor General's Office, and other legal sections in the Public Rights and Civil Law Divisions. The Attorney General's Healthcare Rights and Access Section has comprehensive authority to work on any matters, including investigations, litigation and legislation, that will increase and protect the affordability, accessibility, and quality of healthcare in the State of California.

The Section is responsible for overseeing and leading all work in the areas of consumer healthcare rights, including healthcare and prescription drug marketing, nonprofit healthcare transactions, violations of antitrust laws in the healthcare context, healthcare privacy and healthcare civil rights, such as reproductive rights and LGBTQ healthcare-related rights. Currently, the Healthcare Rights and Access Section is monitoring and defending against federal efforts that undermine the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, Women's and LGBTQ health rights, and other attempts to rollback progress made to instill and protect healthcare as a right for all Californians.

Externs in the Healthcare Rights and Access Section assist attorneys in complex legal work related to developing proposed legislation, comment letters, amicus briefs, investigations, litigation, and appeals. Externs conduct research and writing on a variety of legal issues. Externs may also assist attorneys preparing for oral argument, including attending moot courts and hearings. Externs are accepted for a minimum of one quarter or semester, depending on their academic institution's calendar.

How to Apply:

Applicants must have excellent research and writing skills. Second, or third-year law students are welcome to apply. Until further notice, legal externships will be completed remotely. Opportunities for academic credit is also available with prior approval.

Please email a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Deputy Attorney General:

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