

Law Student Opportunities

Civil Law Division

Health, Education and Welfare Section

Sacramento



The Health, Education and Welfare Section (HEW) has openings for interns/law clerks for the Fall and Spring semesters and Summers. HEW represents the Governor, State Superintendent, other constitutional officers and over 30 client agencies such as the Departments of Health Care Services, Education, State Hospitals, Social Services, and Public Health. Attorneys handle all phases of litigation and defend California's laws in the areas of health, education, and welfare, often involving constitutional issues with statewide implications for millions of Californians. Representative case work includes defending the practices and policies of the Medi-Cal program, state hospitals, and developmental centers; defending statewide educational programs and statutes; providing assistance in complicated adoption proceedings; and civilly prosecuting nursing homes.

Under the supervision of an attorney, interns/law clerks will write briefs, do research, and participate in observational opportunities, such as hearings, moot courts, and depositions. Interns/law clerks 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 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.

How to Apply:

Applicants must have excellent writing skills. First, second or third year students are welcome to apply. Please email a cover letter, resume, copy of your transcript and writing sample to:

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