

# Law Student Opportunities

## Civil Law Division Tort and Condemnation Section

### San Francisco

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The San Francisco Tort and Condemnation Section of the California Attorney General's Office seeks qualified students to become one of our Summer 2016 law clerks. Students interested in civil litigation will be attracted by the SF Tort Section's experienced attorneys and high quality trial and appellate practice. While the opportunities for learning are extensive, this is an unpaid position.

The SF Tort Section practices in state and federal courts on behalf of state agencies, officials and employees in lawsuits involving claims of constitutional rights violations and other torts. We handle matters at both the trial level and on appeal. The section's attorneys frequently appear in court and our office is located across the street from the San Francisco federal courthouse and in the same building as a California Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. Appearances in other courts in the Bay Area and surrounding counties are common.

Law clerks will work with Deputy Attorneys General (DAGs) assisting with cases, including accompanying DAGs to court appearances, mediations, and depositions. All clerks can expect excellent mentoring on the practice of law and career advice from attorneys with extensive private and government experience. *Law students who meet the applicable requirements and demonstrate the necessary aptitude may make provisional appearances in court to argue motions or perform other tasks under the supervision of an attorney.* In the past student-practitioners have deposed witnesses and argued motions.

Law clerks are expected to exercise their analytical and research skills to prepare oral reports, written memoranda, pleadings and motions. Law clerks will work under time constraints, and will need to abide by ethical and professional standards while handling sensitive and confidential materials. Law clerks must possess excellent communication skills and must be comfortable using MS Word and Lexis or Westlaw. Clerks should be willing to work 40 hours a week for 8 weeks.

Candidates for a law clerk position should apply no later than February 15, 2016. Telephone or in person interviews (depending on geographic location) may be conducted thereafter. A security clearance, including fingerprinting, may be required prior to acceptance of any candidate.

**Please submit a brief introductory message about yourself from a professional stand point in the form of an email, and please attach a resume and 10 page or so writing sample to Deputy Attorney General Mike Osgood, at [mike.osgood@doj.ca.gov](mailto:mike.osgood@doj.ca.gov).**

## **Additional information**

### **About the Office of the Attorney General**

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The Attorney General represents the People of California in civil and criminal matters before trial courts, appellate courts and the supreme courts of California and the United States. The Attorney General also serves as legal counsel to state officers and, with few exceptions, to state agencies, boards and commissions. Exceptions to the centralized legal work done on behalf of the state are listed in Section 11041 of the Government Code.

The Attorney General also assists district attorneys, local law enforcement, and federal and international criminal justice agencies in the administration of justice. To support California's law enforcement community, the Attorney General coordinates statewide narcotics enforcement efforts, participates in criminal investigations and provides forensic science services, identification and information services and telecommunication support.

In addition, the Attorney General establishes and operates projects and programs to protect Californians from fraudulent, unfair, and illegal activities that victimize consumers or threaten public safety. The Attorney General also enforces laws that safeguard the environment and natural resources.

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