

Law Student Opportunities

Public Rights Division

Civil Rights Enforcement Section, Worker Rights and Fair Labor Bureau: San Diego (Summer 2021)



The Worker Rights and Fair Labor Bureau of the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has volunteer extern opportunities available for law school students in its San Diego Office for the summer of 2021.

The Bureau brings civil and criminal actions to protect workers and uphold workplace standards. The Bureau has used California's Unfair Competition law to obtain restitution of unpaid wages, civil penalties, and injunctions to bring businesses into compliance with applicable labor and employment, tax, and insurance laws.

The Bureau engages in a broad array of work ranging from initiating investigations into unscrupulous industries and employers who may be exploiting the State's most vulnerable workers, pursuing civil litigation and criminal prosecution to enforce California's wage and hour laws, authoring amicus briefs, submitting comments in response to proposed federal rules and regulations, and monitoring proposed legislation regarding labor and employment matters.

The Bureau works closely with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies including the California Department of Industrial Relations - Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, the Employment Development Department, and the United States Department of Labor. It also coordinates its efforts with other sections of the Attorney General's Office.

Externs will assist deputies by reviewing and assessing evidence in investigations and related projects and preparing written memoranda on a broad range of complex legal issues. Externs may also assist with witness interviews and attend court hearings. Applications are being accepted from law school students, as well as law school graduates willing to volunteer their services. While it is not required, law students entering their third year of law school are especially encouraged to apply. Volunteer applicants must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills. Hours are flexible, but students must generally be able to work five full workdays per week. Language skills are preferred, but not required.

How to Apply:

Please note in your cover letter if you have also applied for the spring 2021 position offered by the Worker Rights and Fair Labor Bureau jointly with the Bureau of Children's Justice in San Diego, and state any semester preference. Please submit a single PDF that includes a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and two references, via email to either:

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