



California Attorney General's Honors Program Application

Legal Division Preference

Below is a description of each of our Legal Divisions. Please take the time to read and understand the type of law practiced in each Division.

- **Civil Law** - The Civil Law Division represents over 200 state agencies, as well as state officials and employees. In addition to providing legal advice to those clients, deputy attorneys general in the Civil Division have primary responsibility to manage and litigate cases in state and federal courts at all levels as well as before administrative tribunals. Civil Division lawyers defend the constitutionality of state laws, represent state agencies in actions alleging violations of state, federal, and constitutional law, conduct internal investigations, and bring disciplinary actions against state-licensed professionals. They have expertise in a wide range of specialized areas, including election law, ethics, health care, condemnation, licensing, correctional law, public contracting, cannabis regulation, and employment law.
- **Criminal Law** - The Criminal Law Division upholds the Attorney General's constitutional responsibility to represent the People of California in criminal cases. Deputy attorneys general in the Criminal Law Division handle post-conviction proceedings, including prosecuting felony criminal appeals in state court, representing the state in federal habeas corpus cases, and representing the Governor and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in actions involving state prisoners. Deputies also prosecute multi-jurisdictional cases involving identity theft or cyber-crime, felony cases where the local district attorney has been recused, and complex criminal cases related to financial or environmental fraud, public corruption, or human trafficking.
- **Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse** - Armed with a combination of criminal and civil prosecutorial authorities, the Division of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse (DMFEA) is a vertical prosecution unit with two primary duties: (1) protect the state's \$133 billion Medi-Cal program from provider-based fraud and abuse, and (2) investigate and prosecute the neglect and abuse of Medi-Cal beneficiaries, with a focus on elder and dependent adults in long-term care facilities, such as skilled nursing facilities, residential care facilities for the elderly, and hospitals. As a vertical prosecution unit, the Division handles every aspect of a case from intake to investigation through resolution by plea or trial. DMFEA also leads multi-state civil investigation and litigation teams against pharmaceutical and medical equipment manufacturers, laboratories, clinics, hospitals, providers and managed care entities.
- **Public Rights** - The Public Rights Division serves Californians by safeguarding the State's environment and natural resources, protecting state lands, maintaining competitive markets, preventing fraudulent business practices, protecting consumers against misleading advertising claims, preserving charitable assets and protecting civil rights.

As part of the application process, you must select one division where you would like your application to be considered. Please note that applications will be reviewed and scored by division; you will not be scored or considered for divisions you did not select. Some divisions receive a higher number of applications than others and may be more competitive. We encourage you to review the available divisions carefully before making your selection.

Please indicate your preferred division: _____
(Only select **one** division)