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Law Student Opportunities

Civil Law Division, Correctional Law Section

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The Office of the Attorney General is currently recruiting law students for its Internship Program. The Correctional Law Section (CLS) provides exciting and rewarding opportunities for candidates interested in pursuing a career in public service and civil litigation. CLS has offices in Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. We are accepting applications from recent graduates and rising 2L and 3L students.

CLS Deputy Attorneys General represent employees of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in civil suits filed by prisoners and parolees. Cases range in scope from state tort claims to complex constitutional issues in federal courts. The majority of the section's cases involve defending federal civil rights lawsuits brought by inmates in state prison alleging excessive force, violations of religious rights, and challenging conditions of prison confinement.

Students selected as interns will assist deputies on various legal research and writing projects, such as motions to dismiss, summary judgment motions, or Ninth Circuit appellate briefs. Interns may have the opportunity to accompany and assist deputies at depositions and trial, and tour an institution.

Applicants for the CLS Internship Program must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills. Applicants should have completed law school classes in constitutional law, civil procedure, and research and writing. Appellate and trial advocacy may also be helpful, but are not required.

How to Apply:

Recent graduates and students interested in applying to the Sacramento program should email a cover letter to the CLS Internship Program at SACCLSIternship@doj.ca.gov, and include a resume, law school transcript, and writing sample.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis for spring, summer, and fall internships. This is an un-paid internship. However, some previous interns have obtained academic credit or work study funds for the position.