

Law Student Opportunities

Remote Intern Program

Public Rights Division

Land Use and Conservation Section - Statewide



The Land Use and Conservation Section (LUCS) of the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, seeks interested law students and recent graduates eager to represent the State of California in its efforts towards promoting and ensuring environmental justice, public coastal access, and natural resource conservation on state-owned lands.

LUCS represents state agencies in litigation and administrative proceedings involving the public's relationship with lands that the State owns and administers for public access, recreation, development, or conservation. Attorneys within the section advise, defend, and prosecute on behalf of state agencies that regulate development, including housing and community development, coastal development and offshore oil drilling, conservation of environmentally sensitive habitats, and the administration of state parks.

LUCS interns will gain broad exposure to the practice of law. Our interns are frequently tasked with drafting law and motion, researching and writing memoranda on novel issues of law affecting state environmental resources, assisting with drafting and responding to discovery requests, and reviewing and assessing evidence. In addition, interns will have exposure to multi-section efforts between LUCS and other sections within the office on matters related to fair housing, homelessness, and agricultural workers and the environment.

In response to COVID-19, all interns will work remotely, but will have the unique opportunity to work on diverse projects from the various LUCS offices throughout the state. Specifically, LUCS has teams in Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento, and Oakland. Supervising attorneys are also committed to mentoring and guiding interns through their legal research, writing, and career development, and will host virtual panels on a regular basis to ensure a robust and enriching internship experience.

Applicants should possess excellent research and analytical skills. Hiring decisions are made on a rolling basis for summer and school-year internships. Internship positions are unpaid but may qualify for law school credit.

How to Apply:

Application Deadlines: Summer - no later than December 31; Spring - no later than October 31; Fall - no later than March 31.

Applicants for internships must be law school students. To apply, please e-mail a cover letter, résumé, transcript, writing sample, and list of three professional references or letters of recommendation to:

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The California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants of diverse backgrounds are welcomed and encouraged to apply.