

Law Student Opportunities Public Rights Division — Oakland Environmental Justice & Protection Section Land Use & Conservation Section



The Oakland office of the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has volunteer opportunities in environmental law for law students both during the school year and the summer.

The Attorney General's Office has three sections that handle environmental work statewide: the Environmental Justice and Protection Section (known internally as EJPS), the Land Use and Conservation Section (LUCS), and the Natural Resources Law Section (NRLS). In Oakland, two of those sections—EJPS and LUCS—jointly supervise student volunteers, offering an unparalleled opportunity for direct, substantive involvement with a wide variety of environmental issues.

EJPS litigates cases both on behalf of state agencies and on behalf of the Attorney General acting in their independent capacity under the Government Code and the California Constitution. The scope of our work ranges from local to global, with an emphasis on ensuring proper interpretation and adequate enforcement of federal environmental laws in the national arena. Substantive areas of focus include addressing global warming and plastics pollution; protecting public lands and endangered species; and reducing the public's exposure to toxic chemicals. Within EJPS, the Environmental Justice Bureau pursues the equitable distribution of environmental burdens and benefits.

LUCS represents the State in land use litigation and in cases involving lands that the State owns and administers for resource conservation, recreation, or development. Much of the work involves coastal protection issues. Its attorneys advise state agencies that implement programs concerning regulation of development, including offshore oil development; conservation of environmentally sensitive public lands; administration of public trust interests; administration of state parks; and title to state-owned lands.

Applicants for internships must be law school students or graduates.

How to Apply:

To apply for a position, email (preferred) or mail the following application materials, preferably in one pdf document: cover letter, résumé, a recent law school transcript, writing sample, and three professional references (or letters of recommendation) to:

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