

Law Student Intern Program

Criminal Law Division

Appeals, Writs and Trials Section

Sacramento



The California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Law Division, Appeals, Writs and Trials Section (“Sac-AWT”) in Sacramento, is currently recruiting students for clinical internships. The internships occur during the summer.

Deputy Attorneys General in AWT represent the People of California in post-conviction proceedings. Student interns draft Respondent's Briefs that are filed in the California Courts of Appeal for the Third and Fifth Appellate Districts in appeals from felony convictions. This involves reviewing the record on appeal, conducting research, analyzing legal issues, and developing arguments.

The student team is supervised by a deputy, and all student briefs are reviewed and critiqued. Students will manage their own caseload. Appeals involve issues of criminal law and procedure, including constitutional, evidentiary, statutory, and instructional issues. Students who become certified by the California State Bar may have the opportunity to argue before the California Court of Appeal.

WHO MAY APPLY:

2Ls or 3Ls may apply who have completed or are currently enrolled in Crim Law, Crim Pro, Evidence, and Constitutional Law. Applicants for the Sac-AWT program must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills.

How to Apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume, transcript (unofficial is acceptable), short (3-5 pages) writing sample and 3-4 references (with contact info. including email addresses if available) to:

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