

Law Student Opportunities

Civil Law Division

Health, Education and Welfare Section

San Diego



The Health, Education and Welfare Section (HEW) has openings for interns/law clerks for the Fall and Spring semesters and Summer. The HEW Section represents state officials, employees, agencies, departments, boards and commissions charged with administering state and local health, education and welfare programs. The Section represents a multitude of governmental agencies including the Department of Health Care Services, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Developmental Services, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, the Department of Rehabilitation, the Department of State Hospitals, the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Department of Employment Development and the Department of Education.

The HEW Section handles a wide range of litigation on issues relating to the Medi-Cal program, welfare programs, education, community-care and nursing facilities, developmental centers, adoptions and parental rights, child support, hospital and day-care licensing, and disciplinary actions against public school teachers. Litigation includes civil matters in state and federal courts and administrative matters before the Office of Administrative Hearings. Cases involve major public policy issues or expose the State to enormous fiscal liability and include both prosecution and defense work.

Under the supervision of an attorney, interns/law clerks will write briefs, do research, and if certified, argue cases. Interns/law clerks are encouraged to follow cases through to trial or hearing, if possible. Although this is a volunteer position, it provides an excellent opportunity to become familiar with government litigation practice and to work in an office that provides outstanding support and supervision. If it is possible for students to receive academic credit for the position, we will be happy to cooperate.

How to Apply:

Applicants must have excellent writing skills. First, second or third year students are welcome to apply. Please email a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to:

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