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Law Student Opportunities
Criminal Law Division
Special Prosecutions Section - Sacramento
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The California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Law Division, Special Prosecutions Section in Sacramento, is currently recruiting students for summer internships.

The Special Prosecutions Section (SPS) investigates and prosecutes complex criminal cases occurring in California, primarily related to financial, securities, and environmental fraud; public corruption, including violations of California’s Political Reform Act; “underground economy” offenses, including tax and revenue fraud and counterfeiting; transnational organized crime; and human trafficking. Vertical teams of prosecutors, investigators, auditors, and paralegals often work with federal and local authorities on cases involving multi-jurisdictional criminal activity.

The students are supervised by a Deputy Attorney General (DAG). Student interns will have the opportunity to assist deputies by preparing written memorandum, and conduct legal research on a broad range of legal issues. Students will review and assess evidence for pending cases and assist attorneys with trial preparation. Students may draft responses to defense motions, assist in the creation of trial binders and discovery, and attend court appearances with attorneys. Students may also assist with the work of the TRUE task force. This is an unpaid volunteer position.

Who May Apply:
Law students in their first or second year may apply. Preference will be given to students who have completed the following classes: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Constitutional Law. Applicants must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills.

How to Apply
Interested students should submit an application of the following documents: resume, cover letter, and writing sample (letter of reference is optional). The cover letter should include the student’s dates of availability. Applications will be accepted through January 21, 2022.

Send the application to:
Office of the Attorney General
Department of Justice
Attn: Emily Dahlke, Deputy Attorney General
SPS Internship Program
1300 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Or Email: Emily.Dahlke@doj.ca.gov with subject line: internship application.