

Law Student Opportunities

Public Rights Division

Consumer Protection Section

Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco



The Consumer Protection Section of the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has volunteer internship and externship opportunities for law students and recent law school graduates in its Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco offices.

The Consumer Protection Section enforces and vindicates the rights of California consumers by investigating and prosecuting violations of laws that prohibit false advertising and unfair, fraudulent, and unlawful business acts and practices. The Consumer Protection Section's work is high profile and often involves complex civil litigation with a nationwide impact. Areas of focus include unfair and deceptive practices targeting immigrants, the elderly, servicemembers, veterans, and other vulnerable populations; predatory lending, debt collection, and other consumer financial matters; for-profit schools and student lending; and tenant protection and other housing matters. In addition to prosecuting civil and criminal consumer protection cases, the section drafts amicus briefs on significant consumer protection issues, reviews proposed legislation and regulations affecting consumers, and engages in consumer education and advocacy.

Interns and externs will have the opportunity to assist attorneys by researching a broad range of legal issues, drafting legal memoranda and other documents, interviewing witnesses, reviewing and assessing evidence, and drafting civil discovery requests and responses. They may also attend depositions and court hearings.

Applicants must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills. The Consumer Protection Section will accept summer internship applications from students who wish to intern during the summer after their first, second, or third year of law school. The Consumer Protection Section will accept fall and spring externship applications from law students who wish to extern during their second or third year of law school, as well as from recent law school graduates willing to volunteer their services. Summer internships are full time for ten weeks. Fall and spring externship hours are.

How to Apply:

Interested law students and law school graduates should submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, law school transcript (unless a first-year law student applying for a summer internship), and list of references to:

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Please state in your cover letter whether you are interested in the Los Angeles, San Diego, and/or San Francisco offices of the Consumer Protection Section and, if you are interested in more than one office, indicate your order of preference. Please also indicate whether you are separately applying to the Privacy Unit (a unit within the Consumer Protection Section with its own application process). Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with the following deadlines: January 10 for summer internships; July 10 for fall internships; and November 10 for spring externships.