

Law Student Opportunities

Public Rights Division

Civil Rights Enforcement Section

Oakland and Los Angeles



The Civil Rights Enforcement Section of the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has volunteer extern opportunities available for undergraduate and law school students in its Oakland and Los Angeles Offices.

The Civil Rights Enforcement Section enforces civil rights laws on behalf of the Attorney General in her independent capacity, as well as on behalf of client agencies. The Section's work includes combating discrimination in public accommodations, housing, and employment, and enforcing civil rights laws in the areas of hate crimes, human trafficking, immigrant rights, education, environmental justice, and the protection of Native American sacred and cultural sites. The Section also prepares and files amicus curiae briefs on cutting-edge constitutional issues, sometimes as part of multistate efforts.

The Section's work typically includes researching complex legal issues, analyzing electronic data and other evidence, litigating at the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts, drafting settlements and stipulated judgments, working with local and federal law enforcement agencies, and engaging in outreach on civil rights issues.

Student externs will assist deputies by reviewing and assessing evidence in investigations and related projects and preparing written memoranda on a broad range of complex legal issues. Externs may also assist with witness interviews and may attend court hearings.

The Civil Rights Enforcement Section will accept applications from undergraduate and law school students, as well as law school graduates willing to volunteer their services. Volunteer applicants must have excellent writing, research and analytical skills. Hours are flexible.

How to Apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, preferably via e-mail to:

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