

Law Student Opportunities

**Criminal Law Division
Appeals, Writs and Trials Section
San Diego**



The Appeals, Writs and Trials section (AWT) of the Criminal Division of the California Attorney General's Office handles all felony criminal cases in which a convicted defendant appeals. As an AWT law clerk, you will represent the People of the State of California as a prosecutor at the appellate level.

Unlike many law firms in which clerks are limited to a small aspect of a case, the Attorney General's Office entrusts you with your own cases. Under the supervision of an experienced prosecutor, you will write your own briefs and personally argue before the Court of Appeal. You will be provided intensive one-on-one mentoring to hone your writing and oral advocacy skills.

You will gain real-life exposure to the criminal justice system by doing such things as going to a firing range, viewing an autopsy, touring a crime laboratory and prison, and/or observing proceedings in state and federal court.

The clerkship is 20 hours per week during the academic semester or 40 hours per week in the summer. The position is unpaid; however, many students are able to obtain academic credit and/or work-study funding.

This program is highly competitive and positions are limited. We will consider 2Ls, 3Ls, and exceptional 1Ls. You must have completed Criminal Law before the start of the clerkship, and have completed or be enrolled in Evidence. Top 20% is preferred, along with demonstrated success in moot court, journal, and clinics or internships. Those with diverse work and life experience also may be considered. Students must be certified through the State Bar and pass a background check. Certification requirements are available at www.calbar.ca.gov.

How to Apply:

You may apply by e-mail or U.S. mail. Please submit a cover letter, résumé, law school transcript, writing sample, and a list of references to:

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