

Law Student Opportunities

Public Rights Division

Antitrust Law Section

San Francisco



The San Francisco office of the Antitrust Law Section of the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, have volunteer opportunities for law students, during both the school year and the summer.

The Antitrust Law Section enforces California's civil and criminal antitrust laws as well as federal civil antitrust laws. Antitrust cases often involve complex litigation and can significantly affect California's consumers, businesses, and overall economy. Typical Antitrust Law Section activities include: (1) litigating antitrust and/or unfair-competition cases in state and federal trial and appellate courts (including handling pleadings, discovery, law-and-motion practice, pre-trial preparation, trials, post-trial work, and appeals); (2) investigating possible antitrust law violations stemming from business practices and business mergers/acquisitions; (3) negotiating and drafting settlement agreements, stipulated court judgments, and consent decrees; (4) working with other law enforcement agencies, including the U.S. Department of Justice (Antitrust Division), the Federal Trade Commission, California district attorneys offices, and other states' attorneys general offices, on matters of local, state, or national significance; and (5) drafting business and consumer educational materials.

Law students will have opportunities to assist deputy attorneys general in this work by reviewing and assessing evidence; interviewing witnesses; preparing memoranda, pleadings, discovery requests, motions, and briefs; economically and empirically analyzing the vigor of competition in different business industries; tracking developments in antitrust law; drafting educational materials; and attending depositions, court hearings, trials, and appeal oral arguments (subject to availability).

Applicants for internships with the Antitrust Law Section must be law-school students or law-school graduates, and must have excellent analytical, research, and writing skills. An academic background in economics or industrial organization is preferred, but not essential. Internships are 40 hours per week during the summer, and should be at least 16 hours per week during the school year.

How to Apply:

To apply for a position, send a cover letter, résumé, most recent law-school grades transcript, writing sample, and list of three professional references (or letters of recommendation) to:

San Francisco Applications

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