

Law Student Opportunities

Civil Law Division

Health, Education and Welfare Section

San Francisco



The Health, Education and Welfare Section (HEW) has openings for interns/law clerks for the Fall and Spring semesters and Summer. The HEW section handles the litigation for all of the major health and welfare agencies in the State including the Departments of Health Services, Social Services, Mental Health, Developmental Services, Rehabilitation, Employment Development, Toxic Substances Control, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. Our cases are high profile and interesting, and often deal with major constitutional and/or policy issues. Some issues have included the constitutionality and validity of the high school exit exam; the constitutionality of faith-based initiatives and the pledge of allegiance; and whether nursing home patients are entitled to community placements. Our caseload includes work performed at the administrative as well as trial and appellate court levels.

Under the supervision of an attorney, interns/law clerks will write briefs, do research, and if certified, argue cases. Intern/law clerks are encouraged to follow cases through to trial or hearing, if possible. Although this is a volunteer position, it provides an excellent opportunity to become familiar with a government litigation practice and to work in an office that provides outstanding support and supervision. If it is possible for students to receive academic credit for the position, we will be happy to cooperate.

How to Apply:

Applicants must have excellent writing skills. First, second or third year students are welcome to apply. Please send hard copies of a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and list of references to:

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