

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Law Student Opportunities

Civil Law Division
Correctional Law Section



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The Correctional Law Section (CLS) of the Office of the Attorney General is currently accepting applications from law students for the Attorney General Summer Internship Program. CLS Deputy Attorneys General defend employees of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in civil suits filed by California inmates and parolees. A typical CLS case involves claims for violation of the First, Eighth, or Fourteenth Amendments, although cases may also involve claims arising under California law or federal statutes. CLS cases often address developing topics in constitutional law, including issues with gender identity, the provision of medical and mental health care, and inmate religious rights.

The summer internship program provides exciting and rewarding opportunities for candidates interested in pursuing a career in public service and civil litigation. Interns will assist Deputies on varied writing projects that will be filed in state or federal court, which may include drafting motions to dismiss or motions for summary judgment. Past interns have also assisted with discovery matters and pre-trial motions. In addition to the opportunity to prepare substantive legal pleadings, interns will gain significant experience with constitutional law and federal civil procedure through research projects and trainings. Interns may also have the opportunity to assist and/or observe deputies during depositions, mediations, and trials. Finally, interns may have the opportunity to tour a correctional institution and various Los Angeles County facilities, and to meet with state and federal judges.

Applicants for an internship in CLS must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills. A successful applicant will have a demonstrable interest in public service, constitutional litigation, or the state correctional system. Prior experience with constitutional law and pre-trial advocacy is beneficial.

Although in-person attendance will be expected during the summer internship, interns may be permitted to work remotely. The start date of the internship may be negotiable, but students are expected to work full-time for eight to ten weeks.

We are currently accepting applications from rising 2L and 3L students. While all applications must be received by **March 29, 2024**, applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early, since candidates will be considered on a rolling basis and the available intern positions may be filled prior to the closing date. Additional information about the opportunities available with the California Attorney General may be found at the website noted above.

How to Apply:

Students interested in applying for a summer internship with CLS should submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample via email to:

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This is an un-paid internship. However, previous interns have obtained academic credit or work study funds.