

Law Student Opportunities

Civil Law Division

Health, Education and Welfare Section

Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco



The Health, Education and Welfare Section (HEW) offers internship opportunities for law students in its Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco offices for the spring, summer, and fall terms. HEW handles a broad range of litigation on behalf of the Governor, Attorney General and the State of California, including more than 30 state agencies responsible for administering the state's critical health, education, and public assistance programs. HEW cases involve impactful and innovative state programs and often deal with novel policy and constitutional issues. The section mostly litigates in trial and appellate courts with some opportunities for administrative work.

Under attorney supervision, interns will draft briefs, prepare memoranda and discovery, and conduct legal research on a broad range of legal issues. Interns will also witness the practice of law and may attend depositions, settlement conferences, court hearings, client meetings, and internal strategy sessions. If certified, interns may have an opportunity to argue before the trial court. HEW internships offer law students an exciting opportunity to learn about government litigation practice and to work with attorneys who provide outstanding support and supervision. Internships are 40 hours per week during the summer with an 8-week minimum commitment and should be at least 16 hours per week during the school year; these requirements may be adjusted on an individual basis. All internships are unpaid positions. In the event the intern is eligible for work study, academic credit or a stipend, HEW will coordinate with the student's law school.

Applicants must have excellent legal research, writing, oral advocacy, and analytical skills. First-, second-, and third-year law students are welcome to apply.

How to Apply:

Please submit a resume, writing sample, 2-3 references, and in lieu of a cover letter, please answer the following three questions:

1. Why are you interested in the Health, Education & Welfare Section of the Attorney General's Office?
2. What personal, professional, or educational experiences make you qualified for an internship with the Health, Education & Welfare Section?
3. Where do you see yourself professionally after graduating from law school?

Please submit the documents listed above to: HEWinterns@doj.ca.gov

To be considered, your responses should be single spaced, 12pt font, and one page. In your response, please indicate your preferred office location. (Please note that the Los Angeles Office only has summer interns.)

- Spring internship application deadline: November 2, 2026
- Summer internship application deadlines:
 - Summer Priority Application Deadline: December 13, 2026
 - Summer Final Application Deadline: January 30, 2027
- Fall internship application deadline: July 15, 2027