

Law Student Opportunities

Civil Law Division

Employment Law Section — Oakland



The Employment Law Section of the Office of the Attorney General primarily handles civil litigation in the area of employment law.

Deputy Attorneys General in the Employment Law Section counsel and represent state government agencies in employment and constitutional cases filed in both federal and state courts. Typical matters involve discrimination, harassment, and retaliation claims. Deputies also work on non-employment matters, which include representing agencies in administrative and writ proceedings.

The Employment Law Section in Oakland has volunteer positions open for law school students seeking experience in employment law and litigation in the public sector, primarily during the summer term of June to August. Student externs will have the opportunity to experience a broad range of civil litigation practice. Externs may assist deputies in researching and drafting briefs, preparing discovery, and assisting in trial preparation. They may attend witness interviews, depositions, settlement conferences, court hearings and trials. They may also attend and assist at administrative hearings. Externs will have every opportunity to prepare a substantial writing sample.

How to Apply:

Law students interested in applying to Oakland's Employment Law Section internship program should submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample via email to:

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