

Law Student Opportunities

Criminal Law Division

Appeals, Writs and Trials Section

Sacramento



The California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Criminal Law Division, Appeals, Writs and Trials Section is currently recruiting students for clinical internships. Positions are based in the Sacramento office.

Deputy Attorneys General ("DAGs") in AWT represent the People of California in post-conviction proceedings. Student interns will draft Respondent's Briefs in appeals from felony convictions that are filed in the California Court of Appeal. This involves reviewing the record on appeal, conducting research, analyzing legal issues, and developing arguments. Appeals involve issues of criminal law and procedure, including constitutional, evidentiary, instructional, and sentencing issues.

Student interns are supervised by an experienced DAG, and all student briefs are reviewed and critiqued. Students will manage their own caseload. Students who are certified by the California State Bar may have the opportunity to argue before the California Court of Appeal. Student interns are typically required to work 40 hours per week in the summer. Student internships are generally unpaid. However, students may receive school credit, and occasionally work study funds are available through individual law schools.

WHO MAY APPLY:

2Ls (or 3Ls in a 4-year program) may apply. Applicants must have excellent writing, research, and analytical skills. Coursework in criminal law, criminal procedure, evidence, legal writing and research, and appellate advocacy is strongly preferred.

How to Apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume, transcript (unofficial is acceptable), short writing sample (3-5 pages), and 2-3 references to:

Sacramento Intern Coordinator
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