

Law Student Opportunities

Civil Law Division Tort and Condemnation Section

San Francisco



The Tort and Condemnation Section of the California Attorney General's Office seeks qualified students to become one of our Summer 2020 law clerks at our San Francisco office location. Students interested in civil litigation will be attracted by the Tort Section's experienced attorneys and high-quality trial and appellate practice. Although the learning opportunities are extensive, this is an unpaid position.

The Tort Section practices in state and federal courts on behalf of state agencies, officials and employees in lawsuits involving claims of constitutional rights violations and other torts. We handle matters at both the trial level and on appeal. Our attorneys frequently appear in courts throughout the State of California. Our San Francisco office is located across the street from the San Francisco federal courthouse and in the same building as a California Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

Law clerks will work with Deputy Attorneys General (DAGs) assisting with cases, including accompanying DAGs to court appearances, mediations, and depositions. All clerks can expect excellent mentoring on the practice of law and career advice from attorneys with extensive private and government experience. *Law students who meet applicable court requirements and demonstrate the necessary aptitude may make provisional appearances in court to argue motions or perform other tasks under the supervision of an attorney.* In the past, student practitioners have deposed witnesses and argued motions.

Law clerks are expected to exercise their analytical and research skills to prepare written briefs, pleadings, and motions, and to assist trial teams with oral presentations. This summer clerkship has a strong practical focus and law clerks will not be asked to prepare miscellaneous legal memoranda or conduct other busywork. Law clerks will work under time constraints and will need to abide by ethical and professional standards while handling sensitive and confidential materials. Clerks should be willing to work 40 hours a week for 8 weeks (longer clerkships can also be accommodated).

Applications will be accepted starting December 1, 2019. Videoconference and in-person interviews (depending on geographic location) as well as hiring decisions will be made on a rolling basis. Due to the large volume of applications, candidates are encouraged to apply early. A security clearance, including fingerprinting, may be required prior to acceptance of any candidate.

Please submit an email cover letter, a resume, and a 10 page or so writing sample to Supervising Deputy Attorney General Elisabeth Frater (Elisabeth.Frater@doj.ca.gov) and Supervising Deputy Attorney General Rohit Kodical (Rohit.Kodial@doj.ca.gov). Transcripts are helpful but not required.