

# Law Student Opportunities

## Civil Law Division

### Health Quality Enforcement Section

#### San Diego



The Health Quality Enforcement (HQE) Section was legislatively created in 1991 to represent and assist the Medical Board of California and other related boards and committees (such as the Board of Psychology and Board of Podiatric Medicine) in the investigation and prosecution of unprofessional conduct by physicians and other related health care licensees. Examples of unprofessional conduct include gross negligence, incompetence, sexual misconduct, insurance fraud, certain criminal convictions, alcohol and substance abuse, and other activities that violate state licensing laws. The HQE Section is involved in all phases of administrative proceedings related to license discipline. It seeks emergency interim suspension orders and prosecutes license disciplinary actions before the Office of Administrative Hearings. The Section also represents its client agencies on judicial review after licensing discipline is imposed - from responding to petitions for writ of administrative mandamus before the superior courts to appellate review thereafter at the Court of Appeal and California Supreme Court. Occasionally, we have actions in federal court. Many of our cases are highly publicized, sensitive and complex.

HQE provides interesting and challenging opportunities for persons interested in improving the quality of health care and protecting the people of California. Statewide, the HQE Section has approximately 50 attorneys, three legal analysts, and additional legal support staff.

The summer law clerk program in San Diego is designed to give law students a meaningful opportunity to learn more about the practice of law, the work of the Office of Attorney General and the Health Quality Enforcement Section. The student will assist in legal research, writing, preparation for administrative hearings and responding to writ proceedings, while at the same time gaining practical training and experience in public legal service.

We offer unpaid internships for law students. Some law schools offer credit or Work-Study funds for the internship. Strong research and writing skills are required, as is completion of a course in Evidence.

## How to Apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume and writing sample to:

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