

Law Student Opportunities

Public Rights Division

Environment, Land Law & Natural Resources

Oakland



The Oakland office of the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has volunteer opportunities for law students, during both the school year and the summer. The Attorney General's Office has three sections that handle environmental work. **Student volunteers in the Oakland office work with all three sections.** As a result, we offer an unparalleled variety of environmental experience.

The three sections are as follows:

The **Environment Section**, which enforces a variety of state and federal environmental laws affecting California's natural resources, its communities, and public health. Attorneys investigate and litigate cases both on behalf of state agency clients and on behalf of the Attorney General acting in his independent capacity under the Government Code and the California Constitution. Areas of focus include global warming; reducing toxics in consumer products; safe disposal of hazardous waste; and enforcement of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The **Land Law Section**, which represents the State in land use litigation and in cases involving lands that the State owns and administers for resource conservation, recreation or development. Much of the work involves coastal protection issues. Its attorneys advise state agencies that implement programs concerning regulation of development, including offshore oil development; conservation of environmentally sensitive public lands; administration of public trust interests; administration of state parks; and title to state-owned lands.

The **Natural Resources Law Section**, which represents and defends the many California state agencies responsible for protecting the state's natural resources and controlling pollution. The section's attorneys enforce the state's environmental, water quality, water rights, air quality, natural resource, endangered species, water supply, pesticide, forestry, and agricultural laws. The positions involve rigorous legal research and writing, and the opportunity to observe many aspects of litigation and counseling. In the past, students have watched trials, depositions, motion hearings, settlement conferences, client meetings, and other "real world" proceedings.

Applicants for internships must be law school students or graduates, and must have excellent analytical, research, and writing skills.

How to Apply:

To apply for a position, email (preferred) or mail a cover letter, résumé, a recent law school transcript, writing sample, and three professional references (or letters of recommendation) to:

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