



## Office of the Arizona Attorney General

A summer internship at the Office of the Arizona Attorney General offers an unmatched opportunity to address cutting-edge legal issues, while learning from experienced appellate advocates and trial lawyers. In addition to enforcing state law, the Attorney General fights against federal overreach and special-interest lawsuits that threaten constitutional principles of federalism and infringe upon Arizonans' right to govern themselves. The Attorney General's Office has jurisdiction over Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act, white collar crime, organized crime, public corruption, environmental laws, civil rights laws, and crimes committed in more than one county.

We are currently accepting applications for its 2020 Summer Law Internship Program. These internships are volunteer positions, but may be eligible for public interest stipends from certain law schools. The Office is also accepting applications for law school-funded post-graduate fellowships, as well as externships for credit during the 2020-2021 school years.

Typical intern duties include complex legal research, drafting briefs and memoranda, participating in moot courts, and preparing for and observing depositions, hearings and trials.

Prospective interns must submit a (1) [internship interest request form](#), (2) cover letter, (3) resume, (4) writing sample, and (5) references. To apply, please email all documents to [humanresources@azag.gov](mailto:humanresources@azag.gov), Adobe PDF version preferred. **Applications will be reviewed weekly; the final deadline is Friday, March 2, 2020.**

For more information, please contact Human Resources at [humanresources@azag.gov](mailto:humanresources@azag.gov) or call 602-542-8056.

### **Appeals and Constitution Litigation**

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**Special Litigation:** The Solicitor General oversees the Special Litigation section, coordinates amicus briefs, and appears in federal and state appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the State. The Special Litigation Section is comprised of two units, the Government Accountability Unit and the Federalism Unit. The Section fights for Arizona and Arizona consumers in state and federal courts against class action-settlement abuse, defending the state's laws, and pursues major regulatory reform victories that will benefit Arizonans.

**Government Accountability:** The Government Accountability Unit ("GAU") is responsible for the Office's civil enforcement of state law related to public bodies, public money, and state election law. GAU engages in multiple investigations and litigation producing favorable changes in policy and settlements.

**Federalism:** The Federalism Unit is primarily responsible for protecting the state from overreach by the federal government and other states. The unit also often serves as the lead unit in defending state

statutes against legal challenges in federal and state court. The federalism team takes part in high-profile litigation in both state and federal court, and engages in pro-consumer regulatory reform.

**Civil Appeals:** The Civil Appeals Section participates in all state court civil appeals in the Attorney General's Office by evaluating whether to take appeals, substantially editing briefs, and preparing advocates for oral argument. These appellate matters involve a broad range of legal issues, including state and federal constitutional law, tax, employment, torts, juvenile law, administrative law, and workers' compensation.

## **Civil Litigation Division**

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**Consumer Protection:** The Consumer Protection section enforces Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act and represents the state in various multistate actions with other state attorneys general. These objectives are accomplished primarily through investigations and litigation into unfair and deceptive acts and practices, which can concern truth in advertising, data privacy, telemarketing compliance, and other specific statutory matters. Cases range from high-dollar, complex matters against large corporations (e.g. Volkswagen, Theranos) to smaller, straightforward enforcement actions that assist consumers with recovering restitution from scams.

**Division of Civil Rights Section:** The Division of Civil Rights Section ensures compliance with the Arizona Civil Rights Act and seeks to make victims of discrimination whole and works to deter future discrimination with injunctive relief. The Division mediates, conciliates, investigates, and litigates cases of discrimination because of being in a protected class in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodation, and voting.

**Tobacco Enforcement Unit:** The Tobacco Enforcement Unit (TEU) is responsible for enforcing the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, which brings to Arizona approximately \$100 million each year. TEU also enforces various laws related to the manufacturing, distribution, and sale of tobacco products in Arizona such as Arizona's ban on the online sale of most tobacco products. TEU also works to prevent sales of tobacco products to minors through the Counter Strike program.

**Bankruptcy and Collections:** The Bankruptcy and Collection Enforcement Section ("BCE") comprised of the Bankruptcy Unit, Collection Enforcement Unit and State Court Unit, is a cross functional team of attorneys, legal staff and debt collection professionals. BCE's mission is to collect debts owed to the State of Arizona, efficiently, expeditiously and fairly in order to maximize revenue.

BCE represents nearly all state agencies, boards, commissions and departments in bankruptcy, state court collection litigation and other collection matters. BCE's responsibilities range from routine collection and bankruptcy matters to complex litigation.

## **State Government Division**

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**Agency Counsel (Administrative Law State Agency Statutory and Constitutional Advice):** This section represents state agencies in several areas, including public monies, procurement, contracting and financial issues, probation, elections, retirement benefits and inmate parole and clemency. Examples of legal work include negotiating multi-million dollar contracts, assisting in state bonding issues, providing procurement advice, assisting agencies with licensing and certification issues, gaming and lottery

matters, retirement eligibility issues, and advice concerning public records requests and open meetings. Other tasks include prosecuting enforcement actions and defending claims or actions against the agencies, along with any related litigation.

**Employment Law:** The Employment Law Section provides advice and counsel to more than one hundred state agencies, boards, commissions, and courts on a wide variety of employment issues, at every stage of the employment relationship. ELS also provides proactive training for supervisors across state government in order to promote sound management practices, and compliance with state and federal law. ELS also counsels client agencies regarding claims of sexual and other forms of harassment, disability, gender, age, race, national origin and religious discrimination, wrongful discharge and various employment-related torts. ELS attorneys regularly represent state agencies in state and federal courts and before administrative agencies such as the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the State Personnel Board, and the Law Enforcement Merit System Council. ELS also represents the State in workers compensation matters involving State employees.

**Environmental Enforcement Section:** This section represents the state in civil enforcement actions against violators of Arizona's environmental laws. The section also represents, advises, and defends the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality in its administration of the state environmental laws and delegated federal environmental programs, including the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Solid Waste Management Program, Underground Storage Tanks Program, Aquifer Protection Permitting Program, Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund, and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund).

**Education and Health:** This section provides legal advice and litigation services for state education and health related clients. Education clients include the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Arizona Department of Education, Arizona State Board of Education, Arizona School Facilities Board, State Board for Charter Schools, Arizona Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Arizona Commission on Post-Secondary Education. The education unit does not represent any colleges, universities, or school districts. Typical education litigation cases involve public education and charter school funding, teacher certification, and public school tuition benefits.

Health clients include the Arizona Department of Health Services, and the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The health unit does not represent the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). Typical health litigation cases involve health care institution and abortion clinic licensing, mental health care, medical marijuana, ambulance and EMT licensure, public health matters, midwives and child care licensure, and vital records.

**Liability Management (Tort and Civil Liability Litigation):** This section tries 10-15 civil cases to juries each year with a heavy focus on civil rights and constitutional law. It is an excellent place to gain an understanding of whether to focus your career on civil litigation. Many of its cases are venued in federal district court and the Ninth Circuit, in addition to Arizona state courts. Attorneys defend the State against claims that the State or its employees have committed civil torts, constitutional torts under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, or injunction matters in which parties allege that the State violated the constitutional rights of incarcerated persons. The legal issues frequently involve federal constitutional rights such as free speech, establishment clause (religious freedom), equal protection, due process, and the cruel and unusual punishment clause of the Eighth Amendment. Cases in state court range from property damage

claims to wrongful death actions involving law enforcement or prison staff. Typical work includes investigating claims/cases and meeting with clients and witnesses, researching and writing pleadings and motions, arguing motions, taking and defending depositions, working with expert witnesses in many different fields, filing and arguing motions to dismiss and for summary judgment, case research through use of focus groups and mock juries, mediations, jury trials, and appeals to both state and federal appellate courts.

**Natural Resources Section:** primarily represents the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD), the State Parks Board, and the Department of Forestry and Fire Management. Representation generally involves litigation and advice relating to agency authority, compliance with state and federal law, property rights, land use, and contractual issues. Representation of ASLD addresses the disposition and management of state trust land for commercial, residential, mining, grazing, agricultural, utility, and transportation purposes. Further, NRS represents the State when its agencies claim water rights in the state water rights adjudications. NRS also provides advice and representation to the Arizona State Land Commissioner in her role as public trust advocate relating to sovereign lands and in proceedings before the Arizona Navigable Stream Adjudication Commission.

**Public Law Section:** provides legal advice and representation to a variety of state agencies, ranging from the Department of Financial Institutions to the Department of Veterans' Services to the Arizona Coliseum (state fair). The Public Law Section is also responsible for enforcing the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, which brings to Arizona approximately \$100 million each year. The Tobacco Enforcement Unit has a unique role within the Attorney General's Office and as a result, novel legal issues are often presented. An intern will have the opportunity to work on research projects with several attorneys in the Section and attend administrative hearings in order to provide maximum exposure to both litigation and advice issues that impact a broad range of state interests.

**Professional Licensing and Enforcement:** This section represents over 40 Arizona boards, commissions, and agencies, providing both legal advice and representation in administrative and court proceedings. Typical issues include license denials, disciplinary matters, special actions, and appeals from administrative decisions.

**Transportation (Public Safety and Transportation Advice):** This section provides a wide variety of legal services to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), including construction contracts and acquisition of real property needed for highway construction projects, such as the \$2 billion Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway. The attorneys also provide advice related to motor vehicle titles, registration, the Aeronautics Division of ADOT (which oversees the Grand Canyon Airport), procurement, intergovernmental agreements, grant agreements, and property management. The section also represents the Arizona Department of Public Safety with respect to a wide variety of issues including criminal history record information, statewide sex offender registration, fingerprint clearance, and licensing and certification issues such as concealed weapon permits, private investigators, and security guards.

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## **Criminal Division**

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**Financial Remedies Section:** This section's mission is the protection of legitimate commerce and the general public from the corrupting influences of criminal conduct and the recovery of victim compensation through the application of civil remedies under Arizona's racketeering statutes. Cases focus on ongoing criminal enterprises, mostly in the areas of illegal drugs, money laundering and major fraud, but also include other forms of organized crime, such as auto theft, prostitution, sex trafficking, gambling and trafficking in stolen property. Virtually all of its cases allege the conduct of a criminal enterprise (A.R.S. § 13-2312) and money laundering in addition to the underlying criminal conduct.

**Fraud and Special Prosecutions Section:** The Fraud & Special Prosecution's Section (FSP) prosecutes white collar crime and fraud by individuals and organized criminal groups and organizations. FSP typically prosecutes criminal fraud in areas such as securities, insurance, real estate, mortgage, banking, taxes, government, telemarketing, computers, welfare and other areas of financial activity. FSP also focuses on gang related crimes, human and sex trafficking and handles conflict matters from other counties.

**Drug and Racketeering Enforcement:** Working hand in hand with investigators, these attorneys utilize various investigative techniques including surreptitious surveillance and confidential informants. One large wiretap case being handled by this section resulted in the indictment of 73 defendants, the seizure of 500 pounds of methamphetamine and over \$5 million in drug proceeds.

**Healthcare Fraud and Abuse:** This section prosecutes crimes stemming from the abuse of Medicaid dollars by providers of health care. The attorneys in this section prosecute three major areas of criminal conduct: prescription drug pill mills, white collar fraud, and vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Working alongside a team of health care fraud special agents, these attorneys have prosecuted physician-run pill mills, vulnerable adult homicides, and thefts from government run health care programs that have reached losses of millions of dollars.

**Southern Arizona White Collar and Criminal Enterprise Section:** is based in Tucson and prosecutes all cases within the AGO's statewide statutory jurisdiction. Generally, those cases include securities fraud, embezzlement, identity theft, and money laundering; international drug trafficking and Arizona-based drug organizations; public corruption involving bribery, obstruction of justice, and misuse of public funds; elder financial exploitation and abuse; internet crimes against children and associated child abuse charges; and County Attorney conflicts and referrals. Additionally, in partnership with the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, the Section annually enrolls into its six credit, year-long 38(d) extern program students selected from its summer intern program who want to pursue prosecution careers after graduation. Students in the intensive 38(d) program complete 300 hours in the office and in court under supervision of experienced criminal prosecutors.

## **Child and Family Protection Division**

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**Protective Services:** This section represents the Department of Child Safety ("DCS") in child abuse and neglect actions. Attorneys engage in a litigation-focused practice, handling thousands of legal actions

each year. Common cases involve dependency, guardianship, severance, and adoption proceedings, as well as high-profile and complex matters involving issues such as physical abuse, neglect, and criminal conduct. Attorneys work with DCS to ensure good outcomes for children who are victims of abuse and neglect, and provide permanency for children removed from parents and placed by the courts in the legal custody of DCS. They also provide advice, counsel, and training to DCS to assist in its case assessment and operations.

**The Civil and Criminal Litigation and Advice:** This section provides legal advice and representation to all DCS and Department of Economic Security (“DES”) programs. Attorneys advise DCS and DES on matters involving personnel issues, business operations, contracts, departmental policies, public records issues, and debt collection. Additionally, attorneys maintain a busy administrative hearing schedule appearing before the DES Office of Appeals, the State Personnel Board, and the Office of Administrative Hearings.

**The Child Support Service:** This section assists DES’s Division of Child Support Services (“DCSS”) through providing comprehensive legal representation and advice. Attorneys assist DCSS in obtaining child support orders to reimburse state and federal government expenditures for cash assistance. Attorneys attend court on a daily basis and also provide legal advice to DES staff.