



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. 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. The AGO also provides representation to various state agencies to ensure the protection and well-being of children and families.

We are currently accepting applications for its 2023 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 2023-2024 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.

For more information, please contact Human Resources at humanresources@azag.gov or call 602-542-8056.

Solicitor General's Office

The Solicitor General's Office appears in federal and state appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court and Arizona Supreme Court, on behalf of the State. The office contains the following sections.

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.

Criminal Appeals: The Criminal Appeals Section represents the State of Arizona in all direct appeals arising from felony convictions throughout the state in Arizona's appellate courts, including first-degree murder cases and cases committed against minors. Criminal appeals typically involve issues that require application of state and federal constitutional principles (such as those involving the First Amendment, Fourth Amendment search and seizure, due process, Fifth Amendment rights, the Sixth Amendment rights to a jury trial, confrontation, and assistance of counsel, among others, and Arizona's corresponding state constitutional provisions), and issues that require statutory interpretation of Arizona Revised Statutes in Title

13 that govern criminal substantive law and sentencing. The Criminal Appeals Section also represents the State of Arizona in habeas corpus proceedings in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Capital Litigation: The Capital Litigation Section handles all appellate and post-conviction proceedings involving death-row inmates in Arizona. Those proceedings include the direct appeal to the Arizona Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court following conviction and sentencing; state post-conviction relief proceedings in the trial court and the Arizona Supreme Court; and federal habeas proceedings in federal district court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. The Section's members also respond to federal habeas petitions in non-capital cases, and a supervisor from the Section oversees all such cases for the Office. The Section also assists trial lawyers with research and advice regarding death-penalty issues, and Section members conduct periodic death-penalty and habeas-corpus seminars in connection with the Arizona Prosecuting Attorneys' Advisory Council and the National Attorneys General Training & Research Institute. In addition to handling all post-verdict capital case proceedings in the State, the Capital Litigation Section has assisted the Office with criminal issues that affect other sections of the Attorney General's Office.

Special Litigation: The Special Litigation Section defend the state's laws and pursues other major litigation on behalf of the State. The Special Litigation Section is comprised of two units, the Government Accountability Unit and the Federalism Unit.

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.

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 investigations and litigation producing favorable changes in policy and settlements.

Civil Litigation Division

Consumer Protection: The Consumer Protection Section enforces Arizona's consumer protection laws and represents Arizona in multistate investigations with other state attorneys general. The Section investigates allegations of unfair and deceptive business practices and brings civil enforcement actions under the Arizona Consumer Fraud Act, including actions related to false advertising, data privacy, and unlawful telemarketing. The Section handles complex cases against large, multinational corporations (e.g. Apple, Honda, Volkswagen,

Theranos) and cases against smaller companies or individuals to recover restitution on behalf of Arizona consumers and prevent deceptive business practices through civil penalties and injunctive relief.

Division of Civil Rights Section: The Division of Civil Rights Section ensures compliance with the Arizona Civil Rights Act and seeks to provide a remedy for victims of discrimination 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

Agency Counsel (State Agency Statutory and Constitutional Advice and related litigation): This section represents numerous state agencies in several areas, including public monies, procurement, contracting and financial issues, probation, retirement benefits, court administration and inmate clemency, to name a few. 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 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 (ELS) 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: 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 Oversight Board, State Board for Charter Schools, and the Arizona Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. 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 empowerment scholarship accounts.

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, State Hospital mental health commitments, ambulance and EMT licensure, public health matters, midwives and child care licensure, and vital records including birth and death certificates.

Liability Management (Tort and Civil Liability Litigation): This section is an excellent place to gain an understanding of what it means to be a civil litigator. LMS attorneys try 10-15 civil cases to juries each year in state and federal court, defending the State and its employees against claims that they have committed civil torts or constitutional violations under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The legal issues in federal court involve such constitutional rights as freedom of speech, due process, the establishment clause (religious freedom), and the cruel and unusual punishment clause of the Eighth Amendment. State court cases range from auto accident property damage and personal injury claims to wrongful death actions involving law enforcement or prison staff. Typical work includes investigating claims and meeting with clients and witnesses; taking

and defending depositions; researching, writing, and arguing motions to dismiss and for summary judgment; working with expert witnesses in a wide variety of areas; performing pretrial research through use of focus groups and mock juries; conducting mediations, settlement conferences, and jury trials; and handling appeals in state and federal appellate courts.

Natural Resources: 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: Provides legal advice and representation to a wide variety of state agencies, commissions, and boards before administrative tribunals and in state court. The Public Law Section's clients include the Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions, the Department of Veterans' Services, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Liquor, Licenses and Control, and the Arizona State Fair), among many others. 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.

Licensing & Enforcement: This section currently represents 30 state professional licensing and regulatory boards and agencies. LES's clients include the Arizona Medical Board, the Registrar of Contractors, the Board of Pharmacy, the Board of Accountancy, the Board of Nursing, and the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board. LES attorneys serve as general counsel for these agencies and ensure its clients' compliance with open meeting and public records laws and their respective governing statutes. The attorneys provide representation in administrative disciplinary and license denial hearings before the agencies and the Office of Administrative Hearings. They also represent the agencies in the Superior Court in judicial review actions, special actions, and injunctive proceedings, as well as in the Court of Appeals. LES also assists state agencies with the review of proposed administrative rules.

Tax: The primary client is the Arizona Department of Revenue. This section advises the Department on matters relating to, among others, income taxes, property valuation and taxation, and transaction privilege (sales) taxes. In addition to its advisory role, this Section represents the Department in administrative claims before the Arizona Board of Tax Appeals and the State Board of Equalization, and before all Arizona courts. We also advise and represent the Arizona Department of Transportation on fuel tax and aircraft licensing issues.

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.

Criminal Division

Financial Remedies: 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: 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: 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

Protective Services: This section represents the Department of Child Safety ("DCS") in child abuse and neglect actions. Attorneys engage in a litigation-focused practice in statewide juvenile courts, handling a large volume of legal actions each year. Common cases involve dependency, guardianship, and severance proceedings, and appeals, 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.

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.

Child Support Service: This section assists DES's Division of Child Support Services ("DCSS") through providing comprehensive legal representation and advice. Attorneys appear in statewide family courts to assist DCSS in establishing paternity and to establish, modify and enforce 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.