

CRIMINAL DIVISION
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The Criminal Division develops, enforces and supervises the application of all federal criminal laws except those specifically assigned to other divisions. The Criminal Division has the responsibility for overseeing criminal matters under more than 900 statutes as well as certain civil litigation. In addition to its direct litigation responsibilities, the Division formulates and implements criminal enforcement policy and provides advice and assistance. **All 15 Criminal Division Branches are briefly described in the internet listing.**

Projected No. of Volunteers: 30

Internship Location(s): Washington, D.C.

Application Materials: Cover letter (semester and dates when available), resume with 3 references, transcript (official or unofficial), and a writing sample of no more than 5 pages

Qualifications: First-year (second semester), second- and third-year law students. Law school graduates are not eligible for summer positions. Second language and background or experience in criminal law and/or international criminal law are desirable. Students with a general knowledge of criminal law and related statutes and regulations preferred.

Application Deadline: Please have all applications in the Personnel Office by COB on these dates to be accepted, approved and on-time for the semester internship:

Spring: October 15 - December 30, 2003
Summer: February 17 - April 30, 2004
Fall: May 17 - July 30, 2004

Minimum Weeks Required: 8 weeks (minimum)
6 months (maximum)

Salary: Volunteer (without compensation)

Assignments: Research, writing and developing drafts. Analyzing complicated questions of criminal law which may involve considerable research in the preliminary stages of prosecution. Reviewing proposed legislation affecting the criminal justice system, evaluating as to legality, conflicting past enactments of law, jurisdictional interpretation, application and practicality. Reviewing, analyzing, organization and summarizing of documents in support of litigation.

Web Site: www.usdoj.gov/criminal/criminal-home.html

CRIMINAL DIVISION INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer internship opportunities are offered in most of the 15 Criminal Division Branches. Although students cannot be guaranteed placement within the area of their choice, they may express interest in a particular component. The functions and responsibilities of each of the 15 Branches are listed below. Additional information can be found on the Department's web site at www.usdoj.gov/criminal/criminal-home.html.

Appellate Section: Prepares briefs and argues Division cases in courts of appeals, and drafts briefs and certiorari petitions for the Solicitor General for filing in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section: Prosecutes violations of federal law involving child sexual exploitation, child sexual abuse, sex trafficking, obscenity, international parental kidnapping and child pornography.

Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section: Litigates cases and coordinates international efforts to combat cyberattacks and other computer crime.

Capital Case Unit: Advises senior Department officials in the decision whether to seek the death penalty in federal capital cases, and provides guidance and assistance to Assistant U.S. Attorneys in federal capital cases.

Counterterrorism Section: Responsible for the design, implementation, and support of law enforcement efforts, legislative initiatives, policies and strategies relating to combating international and domestic terrorism; assists in preventing and disrupting acts of terrorism which may occur anywhere in the world which impact on significant United States interests and persons through investigation and prosecution.

Domestic Security Section: Enforces federal criminal laws relating to violent crime, the illegal use of firearms and explosives, and alien smuggling and other immigration-related offenses; designs, implements, and supports law enforcement efforts, legislative initiatives, policies and strategies relating to these areas.

Fraud Section: Conducts grand jury investigations and prosecutions of fraud and white collar crime cases.

Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section: Responsible for litigation in investigations and prosecutions targeting national and international narcotics trafficking and money laundering.

Organized Crime and Racketeering Section: Coordinates Department's program to combat organized crime and supervises, as well as conducts, the prosecution of organized crime cases.

Office of Enforcement Operations: The International Prisoner Transfer Unit (IPTU) is the central authority of international prisoner transfer. The Unit evaluates each application to determine whether the proposed transfer meets with the criteria of the relevant treaty, would promote the rehabilitation of the applicant, and is otherwise in the national interest of the United States.

Office of International Affairs: Provides guidance to federal state and local prosecutors regarding questions of foreign and international law and coordinates all international evidence gathering.

Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training: Develops and implements criminal law assistance programs that enhance the ability of selected foreign countries to investigate, prosecute and adjudicate criminal offenses effectively, competently and fairly, and to cooperate more fully with the U.S. to combat transnational crime.

Office of Policy and Legislation: Coordinates the development of the Division's legislative agenda and analyzes crime policy and program issues.

Office of Special Investigations: Takes legal action to exclude, denaturalize and/or deport individuals who took part in Nazi-sponsored acts of persecution abroad before & during World War II.

Public Integrity Section: Oversees federal effort to combat corruption through the prosecution of elected and appointed public officials.