

THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION'S LAW CLERK PROGRAM



The work we do at the Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD):

ENRD's attorneys represent federal agencies by preparing and arguing civil and criminal enforcement cases and by defending challenged federal agency actions under more than 150 federal statutes. Cases handled by ENRD are at the cutting edge of environmental and natural resources law. The Division's work protects our environment for future generations.

We offer opportunities for clerkships in our offices in Washington, DC; Denver, CO; Sacramento, CA; Boston, MA; and Seattle, WA. The number of positions vary according to location and semester.

This space will provide law clerk opportunity postings throughout the year. If you'd like to apply to our Washington, DC, office, please direct your questions to applyintern.enrd@usdoj.gov. If you'd like to apply to our Denver, CO office, please direct your questions to ApplyInternFieldOffice.ENRD@usdoj.gov.

Typical Law Clerk Assignments:

Law Clerks assist the Division's lawyers in litigating cases in Federal district and appellate courts. Responsibilities typically include conducting legal research and helping to draft pleadings, discovery documents, and memoranda of law dealing with a variety of federal environmental and natural resource issues. The Division handles cases covering a broad spectrum of issues including the listing of endangered species, civil and criminal enforcement of federal pollution control laws, and defense of federal agency actions under environmental and natural resources laws. For more information about the nine sections of ENRD, please visit: <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/internships>.

Salary: Uncompensated. We will coordinate with students who are eligible to receive academic or work study credit from their law school.

Minimum Weeks Required: Applicants who are available to work for the entire summer or spring/fall semester will be given preference. Please include your availability in your cover letter.

Qualifications:

ENRD is seeking students with:

- Strong academic accomplishments
- Strong research and writing skills
- An interest in public interest law, litigation, or any one of ENRD's five key areas: pollution control and prevention; natural resources and public lands; wildlife; indian resources; or land acquisition.

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When You May Apply:

YOUR CURRENT YEAR	Spring Clerkship	Summer Clerkship	Fall Clerkship
1L	(not eligible)	December 1 st – January 5 th	For 2L Fall: March 1 st – April 22 nd
2L	For 2L Spring: August 1 st – September 25 th	August 1 st – September 7 th and December 1 st – January 5 th	For 3L Fall: March 1 st – April 22 nd
3L	For 3L Spring: August 1 st – September 25 th	(not eligible)	(not eligible)
LLM	August 1 st – September 25 th	August 1 st – September 7 th and December 1 st – January 5 th	March 1 st – April 22 nd
Joint Degree Program	August 1 st – September 25 th	August 1 st – September 7 th and December 1 st – January 5 th	March 1 st – April 22 nd

- 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls must be currently enrolled at least half-time in a law degree program.
- 1Ls are eligible to apply for summer clerkships after December 1st. The Department follows the National Association of Law Placement guidelines that prohibit employer contact with first-year (first-semester) students regarding summer employment prior to that date.
- Joint degree and LLM students must be currently enrolled at least half-time and not practicing law.

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In addition, an **applicant must:**

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Successfully complete a security background check prior to appointment.
- Have been a resident of the United States for at least 36 months out of the previous 5 years prior to their prospective start date. Active duty military and Foreign Service employees posted abroad are exempt from this requirement.

To Apply:

Please visit <https://www.justice.gov/enrd/internships> for a list of currently open positions at ENRD's headquarters and field offices.

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