



## TORTS SECTION EXTERNSHIP

### Torts Section

Injuries, accidents, and property damage happen every day in Seattle. The Torts Section engages in an extensive and wide-ranging advisory practice focused on preventing loss and avoiding litigation. The attorneys in the Torts Section also defend tort lawsuits against the City. These suits include personal injury, property damage, civil rights, and other claims. This externship is for general torts, and excludes police action matters.

### What does the Torts Section do?

The Torts Section defends the City against lawsuits for personal injury or property damage, arising out a wide variety of circumstances such as alleged negligent road design, auto accidents, flooding, and landslides. The section also works in the area of civil rights, and sometimes assists other sections in litigation. The work consists of all aspects of civil practice, up to and including trial. It also covers legal advice given to City departments.

### What type of experience do Torts externs get?

Externs in the Torts Section should expect to work with many of the attorneys in the section. We make a concerted effort to expose our externs to a broad range of civil litigation, including motions practice, depositions, mediations, arbitrations and trials. Externs are given research and writing projects, and can expect constructive criticism regarding their work. Interests regarding a particular case or subject matter are often taken into consideration in assigning projects. Externing with the Torts section will provide a broad exposure to governmental tort litigation.

Applications are accepted continuously for upcoming openings. Candidates must be available a minimum of 20 hours per week. Please visit our website at [seattle.gov/cityattorney/about-us/careers/civil-externships](http://seattle.gov/cityattorney/about-us/careers/civil-externships) for more information.

To apply, please:

- Complete a Volunteer Application;
- Provide a letter of interest, resume, three references, writing sample, and law school transcript; and
- Email, fax, or mail the completed application with additional materials to:

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