



TORTS SECTION EXTERNSHIP

The Torts Section is seeking individual(s) to work 20 hours per week for 10 or more weeks. Where applicable, course credit may be provided by participating law schools.

What does the Torts Section do?

Extern(s) will have an excellent opportunity to join a collegial team of 10 attorneys, 2 paralegals and 2 legal assistants, working as a unit within the Civil Division of the City Attorney's Office, a team of over 100 dedicated professionals. The Torts Section provides legal representation and advice to City Department clients in matters relating to personal injury, property damage and other litigation. Clients include SDOT, Parks, City Light, Public Utilities, Police, Fire and other departments.

The Torts Section defends the City in a wide variety of cases, from relatively streamlined arbitrations to more complex, multi-party and catastrophic injury lawsuits while also providing risk management and legal advice to City departments. Recent work includes litigation and advice regarding road design, protests, automobile and bicycle accidents, sewage backups, fallen power lines, stormwater drainage, timber trespass, construction, and ADA compliance.

What type of experience do Torts externs get?

The Torts Section aims to provide externs with a broad exposure to governmental tort litigation. Externs collaborate with dedicated Assistant City Attorneys by conducting legal research, providing analysis in formal written memorandums and motions practice. Externs can expect constructive criticism regarding their work. Externs will meet regularly with attorneys, paralegals and legal assistants and will have the opportunity to observe all aspects of the section's litigation practice, including regularly attending depositions, hearings, mediations and, when available, arbitrations, trials and appeals. A supervising attorney will oversee research assignments and make a concerted effort to expose externs to a variety of matters.

For more information, please visit our website at:

<https://www.seattle.gov/cityattorney/about-us/careers/civil-externships>.

To apply, please:

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

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Thank you for your interest in the Seattle City Attorney's Office.