

**Criminal Division**  
**Office of the Assistant Attorney General**  
U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC



The Criminal Division develops, enforces, and supervises the application of all federal criminal laws except those specifically assigned to other divisions. The Criminal Division and the 93 U.S. Attorneys have the responsibility for overseeing criminal matters under more than 900 statutes as well as certain civil litigation. Criminal Division attorneys prosecute many nationally significant cases as well as formulate and implement national criminal enforcement policy. Criminal Division attorneys also advise the Attorney General, Congress, the Office of Management Budget and the White House on matters of criminal law; provides legal advice and assistance to federal prosecutors and investigative agencies, both nationally and internationally; and provides leadership for coordinating international as well as federal, state, and local law enforcement matters. Attorneys in OAG oversee each of the sections within the Criminal Division.

**Application Process:**

Summer legal internships are full time and usually last between ten to twelve weeks. The Division requires a minimum commitment of eight weeks. Semester-based legal internships are usually part-time. The Division requires a minimum of 15 hours per week. The legal intern positions are unpaid. Because of the sensitive nature of the work, applicants must pass a background check before a formal offer for an internship can be extended. All OAG internships are located in Washington, D.C.

**Summer/Fall/Spring Legal Internships:** OAG anticipates hiring one or two legal interns for the summer, fall semester, and spring semester. Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis.

Typical intern projects involve drafting legal memoranda, correspondence, speeches, and other documents; researching legal issues; reviewing documents and data and conducting factual and legal analysis; reviewing and researching draft policy and legislation; and preparing written materials for briefings. The Division's work often involves some of the most significant and challenging investigations within the Department of Justice and frequently involves international matters. We are looking for interns with excellent academic credentials and a demonstrated interest in criminal law and/or international work.

**Application Process:**

Applicants for internship positions must be enrolled in law school and have: (1) a strong academic background; (2) excellent research and writing skills; and (3) experience or interest in criminal issues. We encourage applicants to identify their interests and how they relate to the work of the Criminal Division.

Applicants must submit via email, a cover letter, a resume, a short or partial writing sample (not to exceed 10 pages), a list of three references and an unofficial law school transcript to [OAGInterns@usdoj.gov](mailto:OAGInterns@usdoj.gov) (Attn: Michelle Stallings, Intern Hiring Coordinator).

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