

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation: Office of Legal Affairs Summer 08

My internship with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Office of Legal Affairs was a great opportunity to get a look at the practice of law within a government entity. The way they handle cases is interesting as compared to a private practice or the criminal law. The CDCR law team runs similar to that of a huge corporation because it is. They have a contracts team, an access team, employment law, and health care services, so any area of law you would like to pursue, there is someone to talk to about it there. Everyone was extremely willing to sit down and talk me through any question I had, even if it was not on the topic I was working on. I was given the opportunity to work with different teams depending on my interest in other areas of law. The actual internship involved a lot of secretarial work like scanning, filing, and summarizing cases, but the materials I was given really gave me an insight into the type of issues CDCR deals with. Overall it was a very rewarding experience.