



Practice Group Overview

As outlined in the application process, each applicant will need to indicate their top three PG choices. Review the summaries of each Practice Group to determine which may be a good fit for you.

Children & Families Practice Group if you:

- Thrive in trial advocacy, mediation, or negotiation classes in law school
- Enjoy working with minors
- Have a background or interest in criminal defense or social work
- Have a solid finance background

Consumer Practice Group if you:

- Are outraged by wealth inequality in the United States and want to help people overcome financial challenges
- Believe banks and corporations should be held accountable for predatory and unfair practices that harm Americans
- Understand the importance of home ownership preservation for low-income families and want to help them stay in their homes
- Looking for a litigation job with frequent appearances in state and federal court in a wide variety of legal areas including affirmative litigation, foreclosure and debt collection defense, probate and bankruptcy
- Thrive on complex legal analysis, attention to detail, and working through novel issues
- Are passionate about racial justice and anti-poverty work

Housing Practice Group if you:

- Are passionate about fighting for housing stability and safety
- Enjoy people-centered advocacy/work
- Want to gain litigation/ civil rights/ administrative advocacy experience
- Thrived in trial advocacy, mediation, or negotiation classes in law school
- Are creative and are not afraid to try new things
- Enjoy collaborating/strategizing with others to accomplish a goal

Immigrant & Workers' Rights Practice Group if you:

- Are passionate about safeguarding the human rights of all immigrants
- Are committed to fighting for the civil rights of all workers in the workplace
- Are interested in pursuing litigation, mediation, and negotiation as part of your legal career
- Are proficient in Spanish (not required, but preferred)
- Have experience working with vulnerable populations or communities
- Have a specific interest in immigration, farmworker, human trafficking, or employment law

Pro Bono & Community Partnerships Practice Group if you:

- Are passionate about developing community-based partnerships and legal projects
- Enjoy building connections and working with pro bono attorneys, volunteers, and other legal professionals
- Are interested in practicing civil litigation within the criminal court system
- Have a background or interest in re-entry work, criminal defense work, or working with the formerly incarcerated

Public Benefits Practice Group if you:

- Are passionate about economic and health justice, especially people with severe disabilities and those who are elderly, homeless, and/or non-native English speakers
- Are dedicated to always learning and doing new things, excited about keeping up with the rapid pace of changing federal and state laws
- Want to break through bureaucracy and break down administrative barriers that keep people living in poverty
- Love procedural due process
- Love logic puzzles
- Prefer working proactively, methodically, and persistently in cases where you usually have time to plan and prepare before hearings
- Are interested in learning about systemic advocacy, increasing access to justice for not just our clients but our entire client community