

**CRIMINAL DIVISION
DOMESTIC SECURITY SECTION
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The mission of the Domestic Security Section (DSS) is to enhance the security of our nation's citizens and borders by enforcing federal criminal laws relating to violent crime, the illegal use of firearms and explosives, alien smuggling, and other immigration-related offenses. To that end, DSS designs, implements, and supports law enforcement efforts, legislative initiatives, policies and strategies relating to these areas. DSS investigates and prosecutes criminal organizations that smuggle aliens, including those that have ties to terrorist organizations, as well as individuals who illegally harbor aliens, provide false identification documents, and contract with smuggling groups to obtain illegal workers for factories and plants. The Section also investigates and prosecutes violent crime cases for which federal jurisdiction exists, including the prosecution of firearms and explosives violations and cases involving violent street gangs. It is also responsible for the investigation and prosecution of select torture, genocide and war crime cases.

Projected No. of Volunteers: Up to 5

Internship Location(s): Washington, D.C.

Application Materials: Resume, writing sample, transcript (official or unofficial), three references, and hours and days available

Qualifications: First-year (second semester), second- and third-year law students. Foreign language proficiency, particularly in Spanish, is helpful but not required. A DSS internship is ideal for law students interested in criminal, international, and immigration issues.

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted on a continuing basis. Internships are filled as applications are received. Please indicate the semester you want to be considered for.

Minimum Weeks Required: 8 weeks

Salary: Volunteer (without compensation) or work-study credit only

Assignments: Interns can expect substantial legal research and writing assignments. There are frequent opportunities to assist the trial attorneys with litigation related tasks and to work on policy matters.

Web Site: <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/dss.html>