

## Year Round Law Clerk Internship

**About the Agency:** The Texas Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending (TDSML) is responsible for the chartering and regulation of Texas savings banks, as well as the licensing and regulation of mortgage loan originators.

**About the Legal Division:** The Legal Department is comprised of two full-time attorneys – the General Counsel and the Associate General Counsel. The Legal Department's primary function is to provide legal support for the entire agency. We primarily support the Commissioner, as well as the various functions of the agency, including savings bank supervision and mortgage origination investigations, examinations, enforcement, and licensing. Our active trial docket consists of upholding the denial of licensing applications and initiating enforcement actions against both licensees and non-licensees. These actions are conducted before an administrative law judge. The rules governing these cases are the Contested Case Rules of the Finance Commission and the Administrative Procedures Act.

We are routinely asked to interpret and apply the applicable provisions of the Texas Finance Code, as well as the Texas Constitution as it relates to mortgage lending. The Legal Department typically deals with issues in the following areas of law: credit, secured transactions, administrative law, litigation, constitutional law, federal preemption, banking law, consumer compliance law, criminal law, and contract law.

**About the Internship:** The Law Clerk Internship is a volunteer position. The program allows interns to work on a variety of projects and become familiar with banking laws and regulations, as well as various state and federal mortgage lending laws and regulations. Interns are also allowed to assist counsel in preparing for hearings that occur during the term of the internship, including preparing exhibits and attending hearings.

TDSML is looking for interns year round and will consider accommodating students who cannot commit to working an entire semester.

**Requirements for Law Clerk Intern Candidates:** TDSML seeks Law Clerk Interns who are analytical, detail oriented, and willing to work in a team environment. Enrollment in law school is required to participate in an internship.

**To Apply for a Law Clerk Internship:** Interested candidates should contact Chris Schneider, Associate General Counsel, to arrange for an interview. Please send a letter explaining your interest in our agency by email to [cschneider@sml.state.tx.us](mailto:cschneider@sml.state.tx.us).

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