

FUTURE LAWYERS: LAUNCH YOUR LEGAL CAREER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSSD)!



Do you want to gain hands-on courtroom experience? Would you like to give back to your community and improve the lives of children and families? Are you interested in engaging with case participants from diverse socio-economic backgrounds?

APPLY NOW FOR A SUMMER EXTERNSHIP WITH THE CSSD!

CSSD establishes judgments for parentage and litigates all aspects of orders for child support. We employ over 1,000 employees and approximately 82 attorneys. CSSD distributes millions in child support collections to the families we serve.

CSSD seeks motivated first- and second-year law students who are comfortable interacting directly with litigants. As a CSSD extern, you will interview case participants, identify and narrow issues, prepare cases for court hearings, craft legal agreements, prepare motions and responsive pleadings, and perform legal research (and have a little fun!).

ADDED BONUS: MAKE COURTROOM APPEARANCES!

If you already completed Civil Procedure and either completed or are currently enrolled in Evidence, then you can apply to be a Certified Law Student with the California State Bar, which will allow you to handle and make appearances at court hearings under the supervision of our attorneys.



[Quote from prior extern - "As a law extern with Child Support Services, I had the privilege of working closely with supervising attorneys who provided invaluable mentorship and guidance. The greatest takeaway, for me, was seeing the direct impact I had on the lives of the children and families of Los Angeles County through our legal work. I would recommend this program to all law students!"]

APPLY TODAY!

The summer Externship begins June 2, 2026. Email your resume to CSSD-Legal_Extern@cssd.lacounty.gov