



2025 Summer Paid Program

Full-Time, Paid Placements for Law Students | Application Deadline is February 28, 2025*

The Office of the New York State Attorney General (OAG) is one of the largest public-interest law firms in the country. New York State Attorney General Letitia James, along with her staff of 700+ attorneys, are charged with guarding the legal rights of New York's more than 20 million residents, its organizations, and its natural resources, as well as defending actions and proceedings on behalf of the state and advising the Executive branch of state government. To further the spirit of this mission, OAG is committed to increasing diversity and inclusion at all levels of its hiring.

During the 2025 Summer Program, OAG is offering full-time, paid placements for law students who demonstrate an interest in pursuing a legal career in public service, government, and/or law enforcement. There is limited funding for this program and the office's goal is to provide hands-on learning opportunities to as many law students as possible.

We know that some law schools guarantee summer funding for students seeking public interest/public service placements. We encourage you to confer with your school's public interest/public service career advisors or financial aid office to learn about available funding for public interest/public service placements with a government agency, such as OAG, and to consider applying for a Summer Public Service Fellowship instead. Please review the [2025 Summer Public Service Fellowship](#) posting for more information.

OAG is seeking hardworking and talented law students who have excellent legal research and writing skills; fluency in other languages in addition to English is a plus but is not required. Applicants are encouraged to learn more about OAG bureaus and regional offices prior to submitting their applications by reviewing information that is available on the [public website](#).

Summer Program Experience

- Placements are available within the following divisions: Criminal Justice, Economic Justice, Executive, Regional Affairs, Social Justice, State Counsel, and Solicitor General.
- Law students work in one of the divisions/bureaus in either Lower Manhattan or Albany, or in one of the 13 smaller [regional offices](#). The [practice area of a bureau](#) is generally reflected in its name.
- The regional offices are full-service locations handling civil and criminal matters as well as state counsel matters in defense of the state.
- Selected law students assist attorneys in all phases of their work. By conducting law-related assignments, students will be exposed to a broad range of legal work allowing them to gain valuable public interest legal experience. Assignments may include the following: writing memoranda; drafting pleadings; writing discovery requests or responses; preparing for and attending depositions, hearings, or in-court matters; interviewing clients, witnesses, and experts; assisting with investigations, case negotiations, and conducting general legal research assignments.
- In their assigned bureau/office, students interact regularly with attorneys who are working on innovative and impactful cases. Students benefit

from a hands-on learning experience and an exciting and dynamic professional environment.

- A key objective of the program is for law students to finish their placements with a legal writing sample.

Summer Program Details

- **For the upcoming summer program, two placement formats are available: hybrid or remote.** Please review the following for information about each format. Format availability varies by bureau and location, please see the posting for details.
 - 1) **Hybrid Placements:** Students report to their designated workstation two or three (2-3) days per week. On the days students work remotely, they need a reliable computer, a secure internet connection, a phone, and a sufficiently quiet and private workspace to telework.
 - 2) **Remote Placements:** Students telecommute for the duration of their placements. On the days students work remotely, they need a reliable computer, a secure internet connection, a phone, and a sufficiently quiet and private workspace to telework. *Please be advised, students hired for remote, paid placements must be available to complete their payroll onboarding paperwork in-person at OAG's offices in Albany or New York City or at one of the [13 regional office locations](#).*
- **To be eligible for a paid summer placement, applicants must be able to demonstrate they are full-time law students in good academic standing as defined by their schools.**
- The summer program will run for eight weeks from May 19 – July 11, 2025. Students hired for the program must be available to work full-time (37.5 hours/week) during these dates and for the entire eight (8) weeks of the program.
- Applications are accepted online until **February 28, 2025**, and paid placement offers are made on a rolling basis.*
- Law students will be hired as legal aides and paid the hourly rate of \$19.96.
- Law students should only apply to those bureaus and/or regional offices that are of interest to them. OAG honors student location preferences; however, final bureau assignments may be based upon the needs of the office.
- United States (U.S.) citizenship and New York state residency are not required, but applicants must be eligible to be employed in the U.S.

The following bureaus/offices have paid placements available during the 2025 Summer Program:

Bureau Description	Bureau or Regional Office (Click for More Information)	Paid Reference Number (Click to Apply)	Placement Format Availability
Summer Paid Placements Available in Albany			
Appeals and Opinions (A&O) is responsible for preparing and arguing civil appeals in New York's state and federal courts. A&O prepares multistate amicus briefs filed in the U.S. Supreme Court and federal courts nationwide, and it prepares amicus briefs and intervenes in actions to defend the constitutionality of state laws in New York's state and federal courts. A&O provides formal opinions to state-level branches and agencies and renders informal advisory opinions to municipal attorneys to assist local governments.	Appeals & Opinions Bureau, Albany	A&O ALB PLS SUM 2025	Hybrid Only
Claims defends the New York state and certain state authorities in the Court of Claims and defends individual state officers and employees in Supreme Court in civil actions for money damages arising in tort, medical/dental malpractice, unjust conviction, and breach of contract.	Claims Bureau, Albany	CLA ALB PLS SUM 2025	Hybrid Only
Environmental Protection (EPB) is focused on advancing environmental justice throughout the state. EPB enforces state and federal environmental laws that	Environmental Protection Bureau, Albany	EPB ALB PLS SUM 2025	Hybrid Only

protect New Yorkers' rights to clean air, clean water, and safe, and healthy communities, and conducts investigations into violations of those laws. EPB also defends in both federal and state courts the state's executive agencies charged with environmental responsibilities.			
Litigation represents the state, its officers, and its agencies in state and federal courts in actions involving almost every substantive area of the law. Litigation protects the public interest by defending constitutional challenges to state statutes, regulations, policies, and practices and by bringing actions to enforce state laws and regulations.	Litigation Bureau, Albany	LIT_ALB_PLS_SUM_2025	Remote or Hybrid
Organized Crime Task Force conducts complex, long-term criminal investigations related to gang activity, drug trafficking, firearms trafficking, loan sharking, bookmaking, money laundering, fraud, grand larceny, labor racketeering, and other white-collar crime as well as human trafficking.	Organized Crime Task Force, Albany	OCTF_ALB_PLS_SUM_2025	Remote or Hybrid
Sex Offender Management (SOMB) was created to represent the state in all Mental Hygiene Law Article 10 litigation. Cases in SOMB frequently present questions of the Mental Hygiene Law, criminal law, constitutional law, agency law, and statutory interpretation. SOMB also works in concert with the Article 10 partners to develop statewide protocols to further the goals of Article 10 in ensuring public safety.	Sex Offender Management Bureau, Albany	SOMB_ALB_PLS_SUM_2025	Hybrid Only
Summer Paid Placements Available in Buffalo			
Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office (LEMIO) has a broad mandate to investigate "allegations of corruption, fraud, use of excessive force, criminal activity, conflicts of interest or abuse" as well as patterns and practices of police misconduct. LEMIO is responsible for investigating complaints, examining departmental policies and procedures, and making recommendations for reform, including disciplinary action.	Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office, Buffalo	LEMIO_BUF_PLS_SUM_2025	Remote or Hybrid
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) investigates and prosecutes Medicaid provider fraud in the healthcare industry and abuse and neglect of residents in healthcare facilities. Possessing both civil and criminal enforcement powers, MFCU uses various state laws to bring civil actions and criminal proceedings, including asset forfeiture actions, resulting in large-scale criminal convictions and the recovery of millions of dollars of taxpayer money.	Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Buffalo	MFCU_BUF_PLS_SUM_2025	Hybrid Only
Summer Paid Placements Available in New York City			
Regional offices (RO) help carry out essential defensive, regulatory, and affirmative justice functions in every part of the state. Each RO is deeply engaged in local community affairs; conducting outreach and educational presentations; and responding to New Yorkers' complaints in critical areas such as elder abuse, consumer fraud, tenants' rights, immigration services fraud, election fraud, and not-for-profit corporations.	Harlem Regional Office	HRM_PLS_SUM_2025	Hybrid Only
Appeals and Opinions (A&O) is responsible for preparing and arguing civil appeals in New York's state and federal courts. A&O prepares multistate amicus briefs filed in the U.S. Supreme Court and federal courts nationwide, and it prepares amicus briefs and intervenes in actions to defend the constitutionality of state laws in New York's state and federal courts. A&O provides formal opinions to	Appeals & Opinions Bureau, New York City	A&O_NYC_PLS_SUM_2025	Hybrid Only

state-level branches and agencies and renders informal advisory opinions to municipal attorneys to assist local governments.			
Charities supervises charitable organizations to protect donors and beneficiaries from fraud by ensuring donations are used as donors intended. The bureau regulates nonprofit organizations and their fundraisers to ensure their compliance with the Not-for-Profit Corporations Law and the New York statutes that require their registration with and financial reporting to OAG. The bureau also investigates and commences litigation against charities that misuse assets, engage in misleading solicitations, and/or violate their fiduciary duties.	Charities Bureau, New York City	CHA_NYC_PLS_SUM_2025	Hybrid Only
Consumer Frauds and Protection (CFB) enforces consumer protection laws and civilly prosecutes businesses and individuals engaged in fraudulent, misleading, deceptive, or illegal trade practices. Cases typically seek injunctive relief, restitution for consumers, costs, and penalties.	Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau, New York City	CFB_NYC_PLS_SUM_2025	Hybrid Only
Criminal Appeals and Federal Habeas Corpus handles all appeals for the Criminal Justice Division, including for the Organized Crime Task Force and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. The bureau also responds to federal habeas corpus petitions bringing constitutional challenges to state court convictions obtained by district attorneys throughout the state, as well as challenges to state parole determinations and other state actions that results in custody.	Criminal Appeals & Federal Habeas Corpus Bureau, New York City	CAFHC_NYC_PLS_SUM_2025	Hybrid Only
Criminal Enforcement & Financial Crimes (CEFC) investigates and prosecutes criminal acts related to securities fraud, tax fraud and other white-collar crimes. CEFC includes attorneys, investigators, auditors, and analysts who conduct complex, long-term criminal investigations and prosecute cases statewide, from charging through conviction.	Criminal Enforcement & Financial Crimes Bureau, New York City	CEFC_NYC_PLS_SUM_2025	Hybrid Only
Executive handles complex investigations and civil enforcement actions to end and remediate practices that harm the public, including matters that relate to the opioid crisis and firearms. Litigation matters handled by this team are often high profile, frequently present complex questions of constitutional law and statutory and regulatory interpretation, and generally have significant policy and financial implications for the state.	Executive Division, New York City	EXEC_NYC_PLS_SUM_2025	Hybrid Only
Health Care (HCB) is committed to protecting consumers from deceptive or illegal practices and to ensure access to health care by bringing civil prosecutions for violations of health, insurance, deceptive practice, antidiscrimination, and other applicable laws. HCB also advocates for legislation and policy initiatives to enhance the rights of health care consumers and their ability to access quality, affordable care in New York state.	Heath Care Bureau, New York City	HCB_NYC_PLS_SUM_2025	Hybrid Only
Investor Protection (IPB) pursues complex investigations and litigation using the Martin Act and other laws to protect the public from fraud and misrepresentation in the offering and sale of securities, commodities, franchises, and other investment products. IPB's regulatory work includes digital assets; addressing fraud in ESG disclosures; the marketing of speculative investment products to a broad range of retail investors; and the need for greater racial equity across the financial system.	Investor Protection Bureau, New York City	IPB_NYC_PLS_SUM_2025	Remote or Hybrid
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statutes, regulations, policies, and practices and by bringing actions to enforce state laws and regulations.			
Office of General Counsel (OGC) functions as in-house counsel to the AG and OAG, OGC works collaboratively across all divisions to provide guidance and develop legal strategies and responses; draft, interpret, and implement OAG policies and procedures; identify potential litigation/policy issues or strategies; implement compliance and supervise ethical determinations; interact with other governmental and legal entities; and handle employee and other confidential matters as required.	Office of General Counsel, New York City	OGC NYC PLS SUM 2025	Hybrid Only
Office of Special Investigation (OSI) investigates every death in the state that may have been caused by a police officer or a peace officer (peace officers includes corrections officers). If warranted, OSI attorneys seek charges in connection with the incident and prosecute any resulting indictment.	Office of Special Investigation, New York City	OSI NYC PLS SUM 2025	Hybrid Only
Public Integrity (PIB) investigates and prosecutes crimes committed by public employees, elected officials, candidates for public office, and people and entities that steal from the government. PIB conducts complex, long-term investigations into government corruption, fraud, bribery, and abuse of authority. PIB investigates and brings criminal charges against public servants and others who engage in corruptive practices.	Public Integrity Bureau, New York City	PIB NYC PLS SUM 2025	Hybrid Only
Real Estate Finance (REF) regulates the offer of syndications and cooperative interests in realty, such as cooperatives, condominiums, timeshares, homeowners associations, and senior living communities. REF also regulates the conversion of rental buildings to condominiums and cooperatives and the initial offer of certain affordable housing developments and ensures all broker-dealers of real estate securities register with OAG.	Real Estate Finance Bureau, New York City	REF NYC PLS SUM 2025	Hybrid Only
Sex Offender Management (SOMB) was created to represent the state in all Mental Hygiene Law Article 10 litigation. Cases in SOMB frequently present questions of the Mental Hygiene Law, criminal law, constitutional law, agency law, and statutory interpretation. SOMB also works in concert with the Article 10 partners to develop statewide protocols to further the goals of Article 10 in ensuring public safety.	Sex Offender Management Bureau, New York City	SOMB NYC PLS SUM 2025	Hybrid Only
Taxpayer Protection (TPB) pursues complex civil investigations and litigation involving fraud committed against the state and its local governments. TPB was created to handle whistleblower cases and investigations under the New York False Claims Act. Frauds investigated by TPB include large tax frauds; frauds involving government contracts for goods or services; frauds involving government-funded social programs; and frauds involving government investments.	Taxpayer Protection Bureau, New York City	TPB NYC PLS SUM 2025	Hybrid Only
Summer Paid Placements Available in Other Locations			
Regional offices (RO) help carry out essential defensive, regulatory, and affirmative justice functions in every part of the state. Each RO is deeply engaged in local community affairs; conducting outreach and educational presentations; and responding to New Yorkers' complaints in critical areas such as elder abuse, consumer fraud, tenants' rights, immigration services fraud, election fraud, and not-for-profit corporations.	Binghamton Regional Office	BIN_PLS_SUM_2025	Hybrid Only

<p>Criminal Enforcement & Financial Crimes (CEFC) investigates and prosecutes criminal acts related to securities fraud, tax fraud and other white-collar crimes. CEFC includes attorneys, investigators, auditors, and analysts who conduct complex, long-term criminal investigations and prosecute cases statewide, from charging through conviction.</p>	<p>Criminal Enforcement & Financial Crimes Bureau, Syracuse</p>	<p>CEFC SYR PLS SUM 2025</p>	<p>Hybrid Only</p>
<p>Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) investigates and prosecutes Medicaid provider fraud in the healthcare industry and abuse and neglect of residents in healthcare facilities. Possessing both civil and criminal enforcement powers, MFCU uses various state laws to bring civil actions and criminal proceedings, including asset forfeiture actions, resulting in large-scale criminal convictions and the recovery of millions of dollars of taxpayer money.</p>	<p>Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Hauppauge</p>	<p>MFCU HAU PLS SUM 2025</p>	<p>Hybrid Only</p>
<p>Organized Crime Task Force conducts complex, long-term criminal investigations related to gang activity, drug trafficking, firearms trafficking, loan sharking, bookmaking, money laundering, fraud, grand larceny, labor racketeering, and other white-collar crime as well as human trafficking.</p>	<p>Organized Crime Task Force, White Plains</p>	<p>OCTF WP PLS SUM 2025</p>	<p>Hybrid Only</p>
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<p>Sex Offender Management (SOMB) was created to represent the state in all Mental Hygiene Law Article 10 litigation. Cases in SOMB frequently present questions of the Mental Hygiene Law, criminal law, constitutional law, agency law, and statutory interpretation. SOMB also works in concert with the Article 10 partners to develop statewide protocols to further the goals of Article 10 in ensuring public safety.</p>	<p>Sex Offender Management Bureau, Syracuse</p>	<p>SOMB SYR PLS SUM 2025</p>	<p>Hybrid Only</p>
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*Candidates from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.
The OAG is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to workplace diversity.*

How to Apply

The following section provides detailed information about the application process and application requirements. Please review the complete list of instructions prior to preparing and submitting your application materials online.

- Applications for summer paid placements are being accepted online. To apply, please click on the reference number for a specific bureau/regional office in the table above.
- **REMINDER:** Some law schools guarantee summer funding for students seeking public interest/public service placements. Before applying, we encourage you to confer with your school's public interest/public service career advisors or financial aid office to learn more about available funding for public interest/public service placements with a government agency, such as OAG, and to consider applying for a Summer Public Service Fellowship instead. Please review the [2025 Summer Public Service Fellowship](#) posting for more information.
- Applications are submitted separately for each bureau/regional office, and an applicant's candidacy for each application is determined separately by each bureau/regional office.
- **Please limit your application submissions to five (5) total across all bureaus/regional offices.**
- Applications are accepted online until **February 28, 2025**, and paid placement offers are made on a rolling basis.*
- **The following four (4) documents are required for each application that is submitted:**

Your documents should reflect your own thoughts/work product in text that was written by you.

1. Cover Letter

- You may address your letter to the Legal Recruitment Unit.
- Indicate why you are interested in a placement with OAG and what makes you a strong candidate.
- You may wish to include information about what life experiences you will bring to the position that will enhance OAG’s ability to better serve the diverse population of this state.
- If applying to multiple bureaus/regional offices, we recommend that you submit the same cover letter with each application, ranking those bureaus/regional offices in order of your preference.
- Please indicate your format preference: hybrid or remote. *Please be advised some bureaus/offices may offer only hybrid placements. Please check the posting for details.*

2. Resume

- Ensure your resume is complete and current prior to submitting your application.

3. List of three (3) references.

- Submit only professional (i.e., supervisor or professor) references.
- For each reference, indicate the nature and duration of your relationship.
- Include contact information and email addresses for each reference.
- We do not conduct reference checks until after you interview for a placement.

4. Writing Sample

- Submit a paper completed for school or a writing sample that was prepared for a job or during an internship/externship.
- The writing sample should demonstrate you can analyze legal issues in a clear and concise manner. Also, the sample should highlight your advocacy and grammatical skills.
- The writing sample should be between five and ten (5-10) pages long, not including the cover page.
- If you choose to provide an excerpt from a longer document, you must include a cover page indicating the following:
 - a) Why you are choosing to submit this section of the document.
 - b) Provide the reader with any relevant context needed to understand how the excerpted section relates to the document as a whole.
 - c) Indicate who edited your sample, how many drafts were made, and whether you are the sole author of the document.

- Failure to submit a complete application will delay the consideration of your candidacy.
- Once submitted, you will not be able to access or edit your application. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to have someone review/proofread your documents ahead of submitting your application online.
- Please submit your application for a summer placement at least three (3) weeks before any deadlines that could impact your candidacy and note this in your cover letter.
- If a bureau wishes to schedule an interview, they will contact you directly to arrange this meeting.

If you have questions about a placement with OAG, the application process, or need assistance with submitting your application, please contact Legal Recruitment via email at recruitment@ag.ny.gov.