White & Case 1L Intellectual Property Fellowship

Our intellectual property lawyers deliver decades of experience and expertise to technology-savvy clients worldwide. For our 1L Intellectual Property Fellowship program, we are looking for globally minded law students with the same passion for life sciences and technology that we have and the same desire to serve clients on complex cross-border matters around the world.

What is it?

As a 1L Intellectual Property Fellow, you will participate in our Summer Program in our New York or Silicon Valley office and a portion of your summer working off-site at a Firm client. The in-house portion will broaden your scope and allow you to see how clients view legal problems.

You will participate in all aspects of the Summer Program, including our training sessions, the US Summer Associate Conference in New York, ongoing mentorship opportunities, networking with our lawyers and social events. You will gain valuable insight into what we do and what it means to practice law here. We know that timely and meaningful feedback is important to your professional growth, and you will receive feedback regarding your work over the course of the summer. A successful Fellow will be invited to return to the Firm for the following summer.

In addition to the normal Summer Associate salary, IP Fellows will be eligible to receive a US$15,000 scholarship to be paid in two equal amounts. The first portion is awarded at the acceptance of an offer to return for a full 2L summer, and the second installment will be paid upon receiving and accepting an offer of full-time employment. In addition, the Firm will pay costs related to the patent exam after acceptance of a full-time employment offer.

Who are we looking for?

The selection process is highly competitive, and a successful candidate will possess:

- Strong academic credentials
- Enthusiasm for intellectual property
- Excellent communication skills
- Leadership abilities
- A technical background or STEM degree
- The desire to pursue a career in IP at a global law firm

Law students who are receiving a scholarship, award or financial assistance from another law firm paid between January 1, 2019 and August 31, 2019 will not be eligible.

How to apply

Applications will be accepted from all first-year law students beginning on December 1, 2018. To apply, please submit the following materials to Benson Lee at benson.lee@whitecase.com. Applications must include:

- Cover letter
- Résumé
- First-year law school transcript (when available)
- Undergraduate transcript
- A 1,000-word personal statement that indicates your interest in pursuing a career in intellectual property law

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