

2027 Summer Associate Program Recruitment

The Summer Associate Program is our most valued source of junior associates. We strive to make it an experience that translates into your future success as an associate at our firm.

As a summer associate at Vedder Price, you can expect rapid integration into our firm's practices through substantive work assignments, observation opportunities and training sessions tailored to your practice area.



"As I worked on a wide variety of matters with attorneys across offices, I learned so much about the day-to-day work of a litigation associate during my summer at Vedder. My projects ranged from researching true lender doctrine precedents to timely media and privacy issues. I also shadowed attorneys, attending depositions and hearings for both federal and state cases. I'm looking forward to returning to the team next year!"

– Peyton Soethout, 2025 Summer Associate, University of Minnesota Law School, Class of 2026



"The Global Transportation Finance group at Vedder is top-ranked internationally, and during my time at the firm, I learned a lot about this unique area of law. As a summer associate, I was able to actively participate in multiple transactions, including numerous engine leases and aircraft purchases. My associate mentor was very helpful in guiding me through the nuances of the industry and ensured that I successfully transitioned into the firm. I'm eager to come back and contribute to the team after graduation."

– Hunter McAloose, 2025 Summer Associate, Cornell Law School, Class of 2026



"I very much enjoyed my summer at Vedder. My associate advisor did a great job of welcoming me and encouraging my integration within the firm. In addition to the observational opportunities, the planned social events made it much easier to network with attorneys in my group and to meet those in other practice areas I wouldn't have had much interaction with otherwise. The community service event was a particular standout, and I plan to volunteer with that organization again. It will be great to rejoin the firm next fall."

– Julianne Ortega, 2025 Summer Associate, UCLA School of Law, Class of 2026

Candidates must be law students graduating Summer 2028 and ideally will have:

Opportunities for Summer 2027 include:

Chicago

- Transactional Rotation (Finance & Transactions/Global Transportation Finance)
- Intellectual Property
- Labor & Employment
- Labor & Employment (Executive Compensation & Employee Benefits; office is flexible)
- Litigation

New York

- Finance & Transactions
- Global Transportation Finance
- Labor & Employment
- Litigation

Washington, DC

- Investment Services

Los Angeles

- Global Transportation Finance

Dallas

- Global Transportation Finance

Miami

- Finance & Transactions
- Global Transportation Finance
- Litigation

Candidates selected for our summer program will be strongly considered for post-graduate positions. Determinations regarding post-graduate positions and specific group placements will be made at the conclusion of the summer program.

Past internships or work experience in the practice area for which they are applying

An academic background and law school coursework indicative of an interest in the practice area for which they are applying

Strong academic achievement, research and writing skills

Structure: Please note this is not a practice area rotation program (though several summer associates in Chicago will work with two transactional groups). Our program allows students with demonstrated practice interests to focus on those areas and receive an invaluable amount of in-depth training. Our summer associates work alongside senior associates and shareholders, and are quickly immersed in active matters and client meetings. We look for students with executive presence who are ready to jump in.

Orientation: Our summer associates across all offices are connected from the start as orientation is held in our Chicago office. Summer associates meet with the firm's President and CEO, as well as key members of the management team to learn more about the firm and our culture. Practice area-specific sessions create a strong foundation as summer associates meet with Practice Area Leaders and learn more about their designated group.

Social Activities: With a variety of activities, ranging from office-wide events to small-group outings planned by associates, there are plenty of opportunities for you to enjoy your summer. Connecting with your colleagues is a key component of our program. Our events calendar has something for everyone, from escape rooms to cooking classes to community volunteer days.

We look forward to meeting you!



"Our summer associates have had great success in translating their summer associate program experience into a long-term career path at Vedder Price. We attribute our record to both our recruitment process, which identifies academically talented, diverse and entrepreneurial students who will thrive at our firm, and the real-world work experience offered in our summer program, in which students gain hands-on skills and knowledge that will enable them to succeed after graduation. Beyond the work opportunities provided, Vedder Price offers our summer associates a close-knit, collaborative environment that empowers and encourages them to network, socialize and enjoy their time in our summer program - and to come away from it with a true feel for the Vedder Price experience."

— **Benjamin Williams**, Vedder Price Shareholder and Summer Associate Program Chair

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