

Summer Associate Program Recruiting in Chicago

The Summer Associate Program is our most valuable source of junior associates, and 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 practice through substantive work assignments, observation opportunities and training sessions tailored to your practice area.

"Thanks to my experience at Vedder, I now know which practice area I want to specialize in in the future. More importantly, as a law student from a diverse background, one of the biggest things I look for in a firm is an open and encouraging atmosphere so that I can improve and grow my legal skillset without feeling encumbered by a need to "win over" a group. The main reason I am returning to Vedder for my 2L summer is because the partners and associates truly project an environment of friendliness, openness, and mentorship. With so many summer associate events planned throughout the summer, meeting and building relationships with your colleagues is easy and enjoyable, which makes working and learning from them all the better."

— Nicholas Vera, 2017 Diversity Scholar & 2017/2018 Summer Associate, University of Chicago, JD 2019

"My summer at Vedder Price was incredible. I hoped to get the opportunity to do substantive work and confirm my interest in litigation. I worked with many different groups which I truly appreciated as I participated in depositions, worked on client presentations, studied a mock jury for trial preparation, drafted memos, motions and briefs, and worked on environmental projects. More importantly, I was able to have meaningful interactions with the attorneys. It was very encouraging to see how much attorneys enjoyed working with one another and how happy they were to assist and teach the summer associates valuable lessons. I am truly grateful for my time at Vedder Price."

— Jani Mikel, 2016 Diversity Scholar & 2016/2017 Summer Associate, University of Illinois, JD 2018

Our Chicago office is seeking candidates for summer associate positions within the Corporate and Litigation practice areas. Please note that those summer associates hired for our Corporate practice area will work for the Finance & Transactions, Global Transportation Finance, Investment Services and Intellectual Property sub-practice groups. All candidates selected for our summer program will be strongly considered for post-graduate positions. Determinations regarding these positions and Corporate sub-practice group placements will be made at the conclusion of the summer program.

We will begin accepting write-in applications on July 16th. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, transcript and writing sample to Pamela Masters, Manager of Legal Recruiting, at pmasters@vedderprice.com.

Please visit vedderprice.com to learn more about our firm and our summer program.

Candidates must be 2L students (graduating June 2020) and ideally will have:

- Past internships or work experience in the practice area for which they are applying
- An academic background and law school coursework in the upcoming Fall semester indicative of an interest in the practice area for which they are applying
- Strong academic achievement, research and writing skills demonstrated through membership on a journal or moot court

Structure: Please note this is not a practice area rotation program. We find a non-rotational 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 are looking for students with executive presence and maturity 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. Videoconference lunch meetings are coordinated throughout the summer so summer associates can keep in touch as the program progresses.

Social Activities: With a variety of activities, ranging from office-wide events to small-group outings planned by associates, there are plenty of opportunities to get you out of the office and enjoying your summer in Chicago. Our events calendar has something for everyone, from baseball tickets to cooking classes.

We look forward to meeting you in August!

"Every year, we seek out driven, diverse and multi-talented law students who we believe can be an integral part of our Vedder Price team, not just for the 10 weeks of the summer program but long-term throughout their careers at the Firm. Our program is designed to give summer associates a realistic sense of life at the Firm by affording them the opportunity to work on numerous substantive assignments, attend practice-oriented training sessions, and enjoy a variety of social and community experiences organized and attended by our shareholders and associates. The end result is that each summer associate will be able to determine with confidence if Vedder Price is the right place to pursue his or her legal career."

— Andrew Torre, Vedder Price Shareholder and Summer Associate Program Chair

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