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1L Summer IP Fellowship

Gibson Dunn's Intellectual Property (IP) practice offers strategic insights and solutions to the world's leading companies across various IP litigation and transactional matters. Our award-winning IP litigators, recognized in numerous legal publications each year, are leaders in defending and trying IP claims, representing clients in federal and state courts and before administrative bodies (including the USPTO and the USITC) and arbitration panels in the U.S. and abroad. They work closely with our sophisticated, high-profile clients, counseling them and developing strategies to advance and protect their cutting-edge IP.

The Gibson Dunn IP Fellowship gives a select number of students who are committed to pursuing a career in IP litigation the opportunity to become fully embedded in our IP practice for ten weeks the summer after their first year of law school. Summer IP Fellows will take part in our regular summer program (attending thoughtful social events and substantive trainings) and will also enjoy direct mentoring from partners and associates in our IP Litigation group, participating in group gatherings and meeting our IP litigators across the U.S. In addition, they will execute assignments that contribute meaningfully to real-world representations, working primarily (or fully) on IP litigation matters. If you have a passion for IP, we invite you to apply!

Eligibility

To be eligible for our Summer IP Fellowship, you must:

1. Have obtained a technical degree, acquired significant credits, or demonstrated experience in engineering, computer science, physics, life sciences, or a similar field;
2. Have a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in IP litigation and be excited about working primarily in that practice for the full summer program;
3. Intend to practice law in a U.S. city in which Gibson Dunn has an office after graduating from law school; and
4. Be currently enrolled in a full-time Juris Doctor program with an expected graduation date of spring 2029.

Selection Criteria

In selecting our Summer IP Fellows, Gibson Dunn will consider students':

1. Relevant technical- or IP-related employment, or clinical or extracurricular experience;
2. Scholastic achievement, both in law school and while pursuing an undergraduate degree;
3. Leadership qualities and ability to contribute to a team; and
4. Passion for practicing IP litigation.

Application Instructions

To apply, you must submit an application through our [website](#). Please refer to the application instructions below. We expect to review applications and make interview selections in January 2027 upon submission of first semester or trimester grades but will accept materials beginning November 2, 2026. Complete applications must include:

1. Resume;
2. Scholastic achievement, both in law school and while pursuing a graduate and undergraduate degree; and
3. Cover letter indicating the Gibson Dunn office where you are primarily interested in working and describing your demonstrated commitment to working in IP litigation, as well as any relevant background, experiences, or work experience that support your interest (maximum two pages double-spaced).

*Please note: Interview considerations and offers for IP Fellowships will be made independently from those for general Summer Associate positions. If you are also interested in a general position, you must submit a separate application, following instructions on our [website](#). Learn more about Gibson Dunn's intellectual property practice [here](#).

