

DLA Piper Careers

It Begins Here

Ahead of the curve

We're not only one of the world's leading law firms – we're an innovative, inclusive place to start and grow your career.

We help our clients tackle their toughest legal challenges on a global scale. Join us, and you'll gain exposure to a range of complex and novel issues as you work with some of the world's most cutting-edge organizations.

If you're driven by challenges and actively embrace a culture of inclusion, we want you to join our team.

What we offer

We're looking for exceptional law students motivated to solve real problems with an entrepreneurial mindset. At DLA Piper, building a career you are passionate about starts with:

A MEANINGFUL, INVESTED SUMMER ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

Across the country, our offices fully invest in each participant allowing you to build meaningful relationships with lawyers, business professionals, and leadership at a local level and across offices.

A FIRMWIDE SUMMER ASSOCIATE ACADEMY

The highlight of the summer associate program is the 2.5-day firmwide Summer Academy where you'll have a chance to hear from and meet DLA Piper's senior leaders, participate in training sessions to develop the skills you'll need as you launch your legal career and make connections that will last beyond the summer.

REAL-TIME ACCESS TO CLIENT PROJECTS

You'll get your feet wet working on real client projects across cutting-edge practices, industries, and borders. If you have an interest in litigation, you may be involved in deposition preparation. If transactional, you may be a part of a team working on projects related to deals. You'll also be empowered to support causes that impact our clients and better our communities through the firm's expansive pro bono work.

MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

You'll be mentored by both a partner and an associate, getting a real glimpse into what it's like to work as a lawyer at a global law firm. While informal mentoring is a key part

25+

US offices

90+

Global offices

100%

Corporate Equality Index Score
*Human Rights Campaign
Foundation 2009-2021*

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Most Powerful Global Law
Firm Brand
*Thomson Reuters Global Elite
Law Firm Brand Index 2022*

Top 10

Most Innovative Law Firm
*Financial Times Innovative Law
Firms Report NA 2022*



of the way we work, each summer associate is also assigned an Advisor, a Reader, and a Work Coordinator. Mentors are your guides during the summer and beyond – answering questions about the firm, work styles, and career goals, and providing meaningful feedback, introducing you to colleagues, and showing you where to get the best food and coffee. Opportunities to shadow lawyers throughout the summer provides a unique chance to observe what it's like to work as a senior lawyer conducting high-value legal activities with other firm lawyers and clients.

A FOCUS ON CULTURE

We empower people to thrive as individuals and members of a team, and as innovators and creative thinkers. We foster a workplace that seeks out and celebrates diverse experiences and backgrounds and are passionate about providing better access to justice. From devoting significant resources to pro bono work to fostering a more diverse and inclusive culture, we encourage everyone at our firm to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our clients, our neighbors and each other.

Powerful geographic footprint

We combine practice area expertise, modern industry insights, and an expansive geographic footprint in a powerful way that no other firm can match. This platform offers opportunities you won't find anywhere else. To learn more about joining our team visit dlapipercareers.us



“The summer program laid the foundation for my success at DLA Piper by providing me with exposure to a variety of practices, substantive work and incredible training. I returned to the firm as an inaugural Krantz pro bono fellow and subsequently joined the real estate group, became partner and, later, local hiring partner and the co-location head of the Chicago real estate practice. The summer program was the launching off point for what became a fulfilling legal career.”

— Katie Jahnke Dale, Real Estate Partner, Chicago