



Summer Associates

For our summer program, Foster Garvey seeks bright, motivated and well-rounded law students with skills we think are a good long-term fit with our firm. We assign summer associates actual client projects that are challenging and reflect the realities of practicing law. We want every summer associate to have an accurate snapshot of life as an attorney at Foster Garvey.

Our goal is to find law students who will one day be associates in our firm and ultimately make their careers here. By virtue of our size and culture, we provide all of our attorneys an opportunity to get involved in meaningful work and direct client service right from the start. We have strong mentoring and professional development programs that help attorneys grow their skills and practices. Our dedication to the professional growth of our attorneys is matched by our commitment to a work ethic that leaves time for personal lives.

Many former summer associates returned to Foster Garvey as associates and now are principals in the firm, practicing in such diverse areas as corporate transactions, labor and employment law, litigation, bankruptcy, and trusts and estates. Many are firm leaders, serving as practice group chairs, office managing directors or members of the firm's Executive Committee.

Program Structure

The summer associate program is overseen by our Director of Attorney Recruiting & Development and an Attorney who serves as the Summer Work Assignment Coordinator. The Director of Attorney Recruiting and Summer Work Assignment Coordinator work directly with summer associates to find interesting projects that expose them to a variety of senior attorneys in different practice groups. During the summer, summer associates might help research and draft a trial brief or a summary judgment motion; assist in the defense of a white-collar criminal prosecution; analyze a contract on behalf of a professional athlete, high-tech company or major corporation; or be involved in an international transaction.

Meaningful legal work is only part of the summer associate experience. We want to make sure summer associates have a good introduction to what being an attorney at Foster Garvey is like and you will be assigned a mentor associate. The associate will take an active role helping summer associates integrate into the firm's social life and will act as a go-to person for questions. Summer associates also will join other attorneys at the firm in a wide range of social activities. Some social activities, such as taking a ride in Elliot Bay on a working Foss tugboat, or visiting the Ste. Michelle Winery, allow summer associates to mingle with fellow summer associates and attorneys while meeting clients outside of the office.

Contact: Summer Associate Applications

Each summer and fall, our Seattle office accepts law student applications for Summer Associate positions for the following summer. Applications should be submitted via our career portal and should consist of a cover letter, résumé, transcript and writing sample.

Questions about this process should be directed to traci.quiruz@foster.com.

Please note that our Portland, New York and Washington, D.C. offices are not accepting applications for summer 2020.