



Seattle 2021 Summer Associates

For our summer program, Foster Garvey seeks bright, motivated and well-rounded law students with skills that 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 you and 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 as principals. 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, real estate, litigation, and trusts and estates. Indeed, many are firm leaders, serving as practice group chairs or committee leaders.

Program Structure

The summer associate program is overseen both by our Hiring Committee Chair and a Summer Program Coordinator, usually a mid- or senior-level associate. The Coordinator works one-on-one with you to find interesting projects that expose you to a variety of senior attorneys in different practice groups. During the summer, you might help research and draft a trial brief or a summary judgment motion; 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 you have a good introduction to what being an attorney at our firm is like, so you will be assigned a "buddy" from the associate ranks. The buddy will take an active role helping you integrate into the firm's social life and will act as your go-to person for questions. You also will join other summer associates and firm attorneys in a wide range of social activities, some of which allow you to mingle with and meet our clients outside of the office.

Contact: Summer Associate Applications

The application period for our 2021 Summer Associate Program has now closed. The selection committee will notify applicants selected for an interview in late January – early February.

Questions about this process should be directed to Connie McEachern at connie.meachern@foster.com.

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Please note that our Portland, New York, Spokane and Washington, D.C. offices are not accepting applications for summer 2021.