Corporate Counsel Externship Program

Corporate Counsel Externship Program (CCEP) helps BU Law prepare quality business attorneys who are knowledgeable, skilled, and valuable from day one. Supervising in-house counsel help students gain an essential edge into the practical and strategic realities behind the multifaceted legal, business, regulatory, policy, and ethical issues that companies face on a day-to-day basis. Students learn how modern counsel exercise judgement, create solutions, and lead for their clients, and how they collaborate, communicate, and constantly adapt to manage the risks of decisions and performance, as both a business partner and a trusted legal advisor. Students learn the business of their client and see first-hand the impact of the advice of counsel, all within the unique structures, culture, and industry of the company.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Students in the CCEP secure positions in the in-house legal and compliance offices of for-profit and nonprofit companies. Students may apply to the CCEP’s company partners for a placement, or students may secure their own placement (subject to approval). A dedicated supervising attorney guides, trains and mentors the student. Students also enroll in a 2-credit course taught by the CCEP director that teaches the role and work of corporate counsel, integral lawyering competencies, identity formation, and learning from practice. Students may work anywhere from 12-36 hours/week, earning 3-9 ungraded credits. Placements for remote work are available. Companies may opt to pay students.

We warmly welcome all applicants and remind students that Boston University policy prohibits discrimination against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, military service, pregnancy or pregnancy-related condition, or because of marital, parental, or veteran status, and acts in conformity with all applicable state and federal laws. This policy extends to all BU Law academic programs. The Program works with students and BU’s Office of Disability & Access Services to arrange reasonable accommodations as appropriate. There are no course prerequisites or grades required to participate.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Since the CCEP launched in 2017, over 180+ students have trained in companies. The CCEP has over 60+ company partners, such as: Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, BU Office of General Counsel, Trip Advisor, OneUnited, Wayfair, Fidelity, Spartan Race, Toast, Flywire, RA Capital, Bambu Global, Spero Therapeutics, Sony Music, Eversource, and Pegasystems.

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