Job Description

At K&L Gates, we are looking for smart, imaginative and hard-working people with diverse backgrounds, experiences and ideas to join us. Perhaps our search for talented visionaries and your search for important and impactful work lead to the same place.

K&L Gates is currently accepting applications for our 2020 1L summer associate position in Seattle, WA.

Candidates must have a strong interest in the office’s practice areas and be a self-starter who possesses the ability to work independently and as part of a team. Additionally, candidates must have superior academic credentials, excellent written and oral communication skills, as well as a commitment to providing the highest quality client service. Candidates will work closely with experienced lawyers, across a variety of practice areas, who will provide active mentoring.

We take pride in constantly striving for innovation, imagination and an entrepreneurial spirit. We come up with big ideas and then roll up our sleeves to get the job done, guiding our clients through their most complex issues in a variety of industry sectors and across multiple regions of the world. We look forward to seeing whether K&L Gates is the right place for you to grow your career.

To apply, please submit the following items: resume; a 5-10 page writing sample; a personal statement of up to 500 words describing the contributions you would like to make to the legal profession and to K&L Gates in particular (this may serve as your cover letter); undergraduate transcript; and a list of your Fall 2019 law school courses, or unofficial transcript. If your transcript is not available at the time of application, please email it to Marley McLaughlin at Marley.McLaughlin@klgates.com as soon as it becomes available.

ABOUT THE FIRM

K&L Gates is a fully integrated global law firm with approximately 2,000 lawyers across five continents. We have experienced dramatic growth in the past decade and now rank among the largest U.S. based law firms in the world. We take pride in constantly striving for innovation, imagination and an entrepreneurial spirit. We come up with big ideas and then roll up our sleeves to get the job done, guiding our clients through their most complex issues in a variety of industry sectors and across multiple regions of the world.

The industry recognition the firm has garnered in the past five years emanates from the foundation of a global community aligned on behalf of our clients. The people at K&L Gates are committed to working together to create a legacy for each other, the firm, our clients, and the communities in which we serve. We thrive in an inclusive and socially conscious environment that embraces diversity and takes a holistic approach to the career evolution of all our professionals.

To learn what makes us different from other law firms, including our collaborative approach, entrepreneurial spirit, and our commitment to diversity, check out our video, “Grow Your Career at K&L Gates.”
If you agree that we are different from other law firms - and the right place for you to grow your career - please apply for this position. For more information or to view other job opportunities, please click here to go back to our careers page.

Notice: We participate in E-Verify in certain Firm locations for purposes of verifying employment eligibility.

**BENEFITS**

We offer a dynamic work environment and excellent benefits.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Firm is an equal opportunity employer. It is the policy of the Firm that employment decisions shall be based on merit, qualifications and competence. Employment practices shall not be influenced or affected by virtue of a person’s race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, disability, military status or any other characteristic protected by applicable law. This policy governs all aspects of employment including, without limitation, recruiting, hiring, compensation, benefits, promotion, assignment and dismissal. In addition, it is the Firm’s policy to provide an environment that is free of unlawful harassment of any kind including, without limitation, that which is sexual, racial, age-related, disability-related or ethnic background-related.