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## Covington California

As a summer associate in one of Covington's California offices, you will experience the best of both worlds — the sophisticated work, high-profile clients, outstanding platform, and collegiality that are the hallmarks of Covington's practice, all in an intimate, informal, and uniquely California setting. Our summer programs aim to provide a small group of top law students with a clear picture of day-to-day life and practice at Covington. Whether attending depositions and court hearings on crucial litigation matters or participating in deal negotiations and strategy sessions for front-page technology clients, our summer associates receive significant responsibility and opportunities to play a meaningful role in cutting-edge legal issues from California to Shanghai.

In Covington's dynamic, entrepreneurial California setting, you can expect to work on interesting and substantive matters for clients ranging from start-ups to *Fortune* 500 companies. Our West Coast client roster is comprised of many of the nation's most high-profile businesses, including Samsung, HP, Facebook, the National Football League, Gilead Sciences, Hulu, Genentech, Microsoft, Wells Fargo, Patagonia, Electronic Arts, Sanofi, Amyris, Novartis, and Charles Schwab, to name just a

few. Coupled with a practice that includes appellate, antitrust, art law, cleantech, corporate, digital media, intellectual property, insurance, life sciences, litigation, mergers and acquisitions, securities, and technology matters, the opportunities are attractive and diverse.

Not surprisingly, intellectual property is a common theme across Covington's California offices. Our San Diego office focuses exclusively on high-stakes IP litigation, with a practice that stretches across the nation and around the world. Our San Francisco and Silicon Valley offices are similarly strong on the litigation side, working hand-in-hand with our San Diego colleagues, but also cover intellectual property transactions (in life sciences, cleantech and digital media, to name just a few) as well as IP advisory work.

As the below list indicates, our summer associates work on substantial and substantive projects, not just research projects and internal memorandums. The projects we assign to our summer associates are generally ones that a full-time associate would otherwise take on — with all the associated responsibilities, opportunities, and client contact.

### EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF PROJECTS SUMMER ASSOCIATES IN COVINGTON'S CALIFORNIA OFFICES MIGHT EXPECT INCLUDE:

- drafting briefs, motions, and jury instructions on a wide range of intellectual property, insurance, antitrust, and general commercial litigation matters;
- negotiating and drafting collaboration and joint venture agreements in the life sciences or digital media industries;
- working through a merger or acquisition in the financial services, cleantech, or broadcasting industries, from letter of intent to signing or closing;
- participating in witness interviews and fact investigations;
- helping to research and formulate positions on developing technology law issues and industry standards; or
- assisting with the start-up, venture financing, and operations of emerging growth companies or nonprofit organizations.

Covington's strong and historic commitment to pro bono matters also is well reflected in our California practice, with our attorneys and summer associates working on a broad range of local, national, and international pro bono issues and initiatives, including, for example:

- Working with the ACLU of Arizona, the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project and MALDEF on a nationally publicized racial profiling case brought on behalf of a proposed class of Latinos who have been or will be stopped on the road by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in Arizona;
- Acting as court appointed special advocates on behalf of foster kids in San Diego County to ensure that abused,

neglected, and abandoned children who have become dependents of the San Diego County Court will have a safe and permanent home;

- Participating in Project Homeless Connect, a legal clinic outreach which serves over 2500 homeless people in San Francisco who would not otherwise have access to legal services; and
- Representing low-income victims of domestic violence at permanent restraining order hearings in San Mateo County.

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In addition, our summer program features a wide variety of training programs, attorney meetings, and seminars to further assist our class in developing a broad legal skill set.

And, of course, the important social component of our program ensures that our summer associates get to know our lawyers as well as our stunning West Coast settings through a range of fun and exciting activities. Typical social events include wine-tasting trips to Napa Valley, major league baseball games, theater and live music events, sailing trips, cooking classes, formal and informal parties at chic restaurants or partners' residences, casual happy hours, and any number of other group activities.

Each of our summer associates is assigned both an associate mentor and partner advisor, who monitor work assignments and provide insights into life at Covington. We pride ourselves on providing summer associates with constructive feedback on their work over the course of the summer, both through informal evaluations and discussion of projects with individual

lawyers on a day-to-day basis, and a more formal review and end-of-summer exit interview process. The scale of the summer program in our California offices helps to ensure that each summer associate gets a real chance to work closely with multiple partners and associates, and to receive the kind of individual attention that is often key to a successful summer associate experience.

The talented and diverse attorneys in Covington's San Diego, San Francisco, and Silicon Valley offices have graduated from many of the nation's top law schools, yet we define ourselves by far more than our credentials, experience, and billable hours. We strongly support the commitments of our attorneys to outside interests, to community involvement, and to their families, and we recognize that all of these factors ultimately contribute to the continued success of our firm. At Covington we are united by our excitement and enthusiasm about the future and what we are building together. If this sounds like a good fit, we look forward to hearing from you.

## A BRIEF SAMPLING OF RECENT CALIFORNIA OFFICE REPRESENTATIONS INCLUDES:

- Prosper Marketplace, Inc., a leading online peer-to-peer lending platform (and one of the *Wall Street Journal's* 50 Most Promising Companies for 2011), in its recent \$17 million Series E funding round.
- Microsoft in its \$8.5 billion acquisition of Skype, its largest corporate transaction ever.
- Astellas Pharma in an option agreement with Alavita Pharmaceuticals granting the exclusive right to acquire assets and development rights related to Diannexin for option fees of up to \$45.5 million and tiered sales-based payments.
- Gilead Sciences in a series of transactions with Bristol-Myers Squibb and Merck for the worldwide development and commercialization of a triple combination antiretroviral drug, including corporate and contractual arrangements for supply and distribution in the United States, the European Union and other countries.
- Borrego Solar Systems, Inc., a leading integrator for commercial, public sector turnkey, grid-connected solar systems, in the sale of control to a leading Taiwanese manufacturer.
- Green Lake Capital (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Walsin Lihwa) in the development and financing of a pooled project finance transaction covering distributed solar facilities located at municipal sites throughout California.
- San Francisco 49ers in a lawsuit challenging the National Football League's pat-down policy.
- Solazyme, a leader in renewable oil and bio products, on the formation of Solazyme-Roquette Nutritionals, an international joint venture with Roquette Frères of France for the production, commercialization, and market development of microalgae-derived food ingredients.
- Samsung in patent litigation adverse to AMD involving various technologies including memory devices, process technology, and microprocessors.
- Fujitsu against several manufacturers of PCMIA cards and access point devices in a patent infringement case concerning wireless network technology.
- Huawei Technologies in trade secret lawsuits against Motorola Solutions involving wireless base station technology, pursuant to which we helped obtain a preliminary injunction preventing the transfer of confidential information in the context of a corporate acquisition.
- Patagonia in connection with the production and financing of documentary films, including *180 South* and *Mountain of Storms*, as well as numerous acquisitions, publishing arrangements, joint ventures and product placement arrangements.

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