

Covington & Burling LLP seeks to hire first-year law students with a sincere interest in Life Sciences Licensing and Collaborations Transactions to join our Summer Associate Program in our Washington, DC office.

Overview

Covington's 1L Life Sciences Transactions Program offers students interested in the transactional side of the life sciences industry the opportunity to receive in-depth training from lawyers in our market-leading practice. Designed as a two-summer experience spanning the 1L and 2L summers, the program allows participants to build substantive skills, develop meaningful relationships, and gain deeper exposure to the practice. Our summer associates are staffed on active matters that provide exposure to the work of our full-time associates.

Recognized as a global leader in strategic transactions, Covington advises on many of the industry's largest and most innovative life sciences transactions year after year. Our Life Sciences Transactions practice brings together the strengths of our top-ranked Corporate Practice and our globally recognized Life Sciences Industry Group, integrating transactional, regulatory, intellectual property, and litigation insights to provide comprehensive, practical, and forward-looking counsel to life sciences companies worldwide.

Our Life Sciences Transactions lawyers help pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, and other healthcare companies structure, negotiate, and execute strategic transactions throughout a product's lifecycle, including research collaborations, licensing deals, co-development and co-commercialization arrangements, manufacturing and supply agreements, distribution and commercialization partnerships, strategic investments, clinical trial agreements, and more.

This opportunity is intended for candidates interested in joining the Life Sciences Transactions practice upon graduation. Prior academic or professional experience in life sciences is preferred, but not required.

How to Apply

To apply, please submit the following materials through our [applicant portal](#).

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Undergraduate Transcript
- Law School Transcript*
- Writing Sample*
- List of References*

**May be submitted later*

Please note that consideration for this position is separate from consideration for our general 2028 2L Summer Associate position. Interested candidates should apply separately to each position following instructions on our website.

Resources

- [Firm Website](#)
- [Summer Associate Program Brochure](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Salary

Summer associates are paid a weekly salary of \$4,326.

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