

# FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION BUREAU OF COMPETITION

PROTECTING AMERICA'S CONSUMERS

The Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition enforces the nation's antitrust laws. These laws promote vigorous competition and protect consumers from anticompetitive mergers and business practices. In addition to its enforcement work, the Bureau also provides guidance about the application of the antitrust laws to various stakeholders, including Congress, policymakers, other federal and state government agencies, foreign governments, industry participants, and the public.

## Entry-Level Attorney Hiring:

The Bureau of Competition seeks talented law students and judicial clerks with backgrounds in business, economics, or antitrust who are interested in public service. Entry-level attorney positions are highly competitive and candidates are selected based on several factors, including academic achievement, law journal or other similar writing experience, moot court participation, antitrust, business, or economic coursework and experience, and a demonstrated interest in public service.

## Summer Legal Internship Program:

The Bureau of Competition's summer internship program is designed to provide 1L and 2L students with meaningful work experience in the field of antitrust enforcement. The program gives law students the opportunity to work closely with attorneys, economists, and other investigative staff on actual law enforcement investigations and federal court litigations. Interns can expect to learn the fundamentals of antitrust law through substantive assignments on a wide range of issues. The Bureau also offers a comprehensive training program, which includes case studies and brown bag lunches throughout the summer, as well as opportunities to develop strong professional relationships with attorneys and economists. Internships are based in Washington, D.C.

## Semester Internship Program:

The Bureau of Competition also offers semester internships to 2L and 3L students. These are unpaid positions based in Washington, D.C. Student interns must be U.S. citizens and receive course credit. Students must be available to intern at least 16 hours weekly.

Candidates are assigned to one of eight divisions:

**Health Care, Mergers I, Mergers II, Mergers III, Mergers IV, Anticompetitive Practices, Technology Enforcement (entry levels and summers only) or the Office of Policy & Coordination.**

**How To Apply:** The Bureau accepts applications for entry-level attorney positions from **July 15 through September 10**. Summer intern applications are posted through USA Jobs. **The 2L posting comes out in the middle of July. The 1L posting comes out in the middle of January.** Semester internship candidates may apply in February through early April for Fall and in September through October for Spring. Please see our website re the semester intern program. **All candidates must be U.S. citizens.**

3L candidates should apply via the Symplicity job posting at their respective law schools. If your law school does not have a Symplicity job posting, you may apply via email to [bcrecruit@ftc.gov](mailto:bcrecruit@ftc.gov).

**Application Requirements:** All candidates must submit the following materials:

- **Cover Letter**
- **Resume**
- **Unofficial Transcript**
- **Writing Sample**
- **References**

Writing samples should be a maximum of 8 pages with the first page being a cover page. Writing samples should not be edited by anyone other than the applicant..



For more information about opportunities in the Bureau of Competition:

<https://www.ftc.gov/about-ftc/bureaus-offices/bureau-competition/careers-bureau-competition>

General inquiries regarding recruitment can be directed to [bcrecruit@ftc.gov](mailto:bcrecruit@ftc.gov)



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