

Intern – Legal / U.S. Intellectual Property, Summer 2026

Your tasks

HOW YOU WILL MAKE AN IMPACT

The U.S. IP Group is seeking a Summer Legal Intern for a 10-12 week internship located in the Cleveland-Akron, Ohio region. This opportunity is ideal for a law student who has completed their first year (1L) and possesses an undergraduate degree in engineering or a scientific discipline. The position offers a hybrid work model with strong remote flexibility.

Key Responsibilities

- Conduct legal research on U.S. and international IP issues.
- Summarize case law, statutes, regulations, and administrative decisions.
- Analyze engineering and scientific materials.
- Conduct prior art searches for patentability, validity, and infringement evaluations.
- Assist attorneys with preparation and review of patent related filings.
- Draft claim charts, invention summaries, and evaluations of invention disclosures.
- Support attorneys with Office Action response preparation under supervision.
- Prepare written memoranda, reports, and research summaries.
- Support patent portfolio management, including file reviews and organization of documentation.
- Collaborate with engineers, R&D teams, and business personnel to gather technical information.

What You Can Expect

- Direct exposure to in house patent practice.
- Mentorship from experienced Continental patent attorneys.
- Engagement with inventors and technical teams working on real world technologies.
- Meaningful project work that supports Continental's global IP strategy.

Your profile

WHAT YOU BRING TO THE ROLE

- Completion of first year of law school (1L) at an accredited institution by the start of the internship.
- Bachelor's degree in engineering or the sciences from an accredited college or university.
- Strong research, analytical, and technical writing skills.
- Ability to understand and communicate complex technical concepts.
- Self motivated, detail oriented, and able to work independently and collaboratively.



Job ID
REF95226Q

Field of work
Law & Intellectual Property

Location
Cleveland

Legal Entity
Continental Tire the Americas, LLC

- Must be available to work 40 hours per week during normal business hours (Mon-Fri)
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Comfortable with hybrid work, including remote and on site components in the Cleveland-Akron area.

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO STAND OUT

- Demonstrated interest in patent or intellectual property law.
- Previous technical, engineering, R&D, or software experience.
- Familiarity with patent research tools such as USPTO, EP Register, or WIPO Patentscope.

Our offer

THE PERKS

- Competitive Intern Pay
- Hands on experience with the team
- Project Experience
- Intern Socials/Mixers
- Mentorship Opportunities
- Networking
- And more benefits that come with working for a global industry leader!

All your information will be kept confidential according to EEO guidelines.

EEO-Statement:

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Are you ready to shape the future with us?