



Bureau of Competition

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Federal Trade Commission - Bureau of Competition Semester Legal Intern Program

The Federal Trade Commission's [Bureau of Competition](#) enforces the nation's antitrust laws. The antitrust laws promote vigorous competition and protect consumers from anticompetitive mergers and business practices, such as monopolistic conduct, attempts to monopolize, and conspiracies in restraint of trade. The Bureau investigates potential antitrust law violations and seeks legal remedies in federal court or before the FTC's administrative law judge. In addition to its enforcement work, the FTC provides guidance about the application of the antitrust laws to various stakeholders, including Congress, policy makers, other federal and state government agencies, foreign governments, industry participants, and the public.

The Bureau of Competition offers fall and spring semester legal internships to second- and third-year law students at its Washington, D.C. offices. Semester legal interns work closely with attorneys, economists, and other investigative staff on actual law enforcement investigations, and federal and administrative court litigations. Typical assignments include conducting legal and factual research, interviewing witnesses, writing legal memoranda, and preparing documents and exhibits. Semester internships are unpaid, but academic or work-study credit may be possible. Interested students should contact their law schools for specific information and requirements.

Seven divisions participate in the semester legal intern program: Mergers I, Mergers II, Mergers III, Mergers IV, Anticompetitive Practices, Health Care, and the Office of Policy & Coordination. The Mergers I Division and Anticompetitive Practices are accepting applications for both part-time (at least 12 hours per week) and full-time interns. The Health Care Division is accepting applications for both part-time (minimum of 16 hours per week) and full-time interns but prefers full-time (or close to full-time) interns. The Mergers II, Mergers III, and Mergers IV Divisions are also accepting applications for both part-time (minimum of 20 hours per week) and full-time interns, but Mergers IV strongly prefers full-time candidates. Mergers II prefers candidates who are available to intern in-office on Thursdays. The Office of Policy & Coordination prefers full-time candidates.

Students should apply directly to each division in which they have an interest. The following application materials are required: cover letter, resume, law school transcript, seven-page writing sample (seven-page maximum; excerpts of a longer sample permitted), and three academic or professional references. Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply. Division descriptions and contact information are below.

The application period for the Spring 2023 semester was September 6 – October 28, 2022. For Fall 2023, the application period is January 23 – April 7, 2023. Interviews are scheduled and offers are extended on a rolling basis. Students are encouraged to submit their applications before the deadline.

Division Descriptions and Contacts

Mergers I

The Mergers I Division investigates potentially anticompetitive conduct in the context of mergers and acquisitions. The Division reviews transactions in health care-related industries, including branded and generic pharmaceutical manufacturing and distribution, medical devices, and consumer health products, as well as matters involving scientific, industrial, and consumer products. The Division has also been active in technology markets, such as those involving mobile advertising and audience measurement services. **Contact: Dylan Naegele** (dnaegele@ftc.gov; 202-326-2433) and **Lauren Gaskin** (lgaskin@ftc.gov; 202-326-3106)

Mergers II

The Mergers II Division investigates potentially anticompetitive conduct in the context of mergers and acquisitions. The Division reviews transactions in a wide range of industries, from semiconductors and other high-tech hardware, to industrial chemicals, mining, commercial software, music, and video games. The Division has recently litigated a number of merger enforcement actions in federal and administrative court, including, Altria/JUUL and Peabody/Arch Coal. **Contact: Frances Anne Johnson** (fjohnson@ftc.gov; 202-326-3221)

Mergers III

The Mergers III Division investigates potentially anticompetitive conduct in the context of mergers and acquisitions. The Division reviews transactions in the oil, gasoline, and natural gas industries, including pipelines and terminals. In recent years, Mergers III has also reviewed mergers in other industries, including industrial spray equipment, real estate and property-related products and services, digital databases and information services, and industrial manufacturing and distribution. Mergers III also helps prepare the FTC's annual report on concentration in the ethanol industry, and enforces the Commission's rule preventing market manipulation in wholesale petroleum markets. **Contact: Terry Thomas** (tthomas1@ftc.gov; 202-326-3218) and **Kelly Fabian** (kfabian@ftc.gov; 202-326-3566)

Mergers IV

The Mergers IV Division investigates potentially anticompetitive conduct in the context of mergers and acquisitions. The Division reviews transactions involving health care providers, office supply distribution, food distribution, casino services, supermarkets, specialty retail stores, and consumer goods. The Division has successfully litigated a number of cases in federal and administrative court, including Hackensack Meridian Health/Englewood Health; Sanford Health/Mid Dakota Clinic; Staples/Office Depot; Advocate Health Care/NorthShore University HealthSystem; Sysco/US Foods; and ProMedica Health System/St. Luke's Hospital. **Contacts: Albert Teng** (ateng@ftc.gov; 202-326-3272) and **Kati Williams** (cwilliams@ftc.gov; 202-326-3653)

Anticompetitive Practices

The Anticompetitive Practices Division investigates potentially anticompetitive conduct in industries other than health care and pharmaceuticals. ACP's work involves not only stopping illegal conduct but also shaping the law. ACP's ongoing work includes issues of intellectual property rights, attempts by professional and regulatory boards to limit competition, and immunities from and exceptions to the antitrust laws. ACP has become well-known for a series of cases involving anticompetitive conduct by members of standard-setting organizations. **Contact: Patricia Jerjian** (pjerjian@ftc.gov; 202-326-3019)

Health Care

The Health Care Division investigates potentially anticompetitive conduct—including price-fixing, group boycotts, exclusive dealing, monopolization, and mergers—involving physicians and other health professionals, pharmaceutical companies, and hospitals and other institutional providers. A major focus of the Division is the Commission’s effort to stop conduct that unlawfully insulates branded drugs from competition from lower-cost generic drugs. The Division also provides guidance on health care competition to policy makers, federal and foreign agencies, industry, and the public; much of this guidance is available on the Health Care webpages. **Contacts:** Evan Cartagena (ecartagena@ftc.gov; 202-326-2981) and Patrick Kennedy (pkennedy@ftc.gov; (202) 326-2114)

Office of Policy & Coordination

OPC works with Bureau and Commission staff on litigation matters, speeches, testimony for congressional panels, appellate briefs, advisory opinions to help clarify FTC rules and decisions about competition issues, and briefing papers. **Contact:** Synda Mark (smark@ftc.gov; 202-326-2353)