

BUCHANAN IP® GUEST ASSOCIATE PROGRAM





Objective

To provide guest associates with a background in U.S. Patent Practice training and in-person support through which they will develop relationships with Buchanan IP® professionals, improve English-language skills, and learn American culture through direct experiences.

Training

- In-house education with lectures on U.S. patent law, U.S. litigation, and practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A sample list of lecture topics is provided.
- Personal training with experienced patent practitioners analyzing office actions, developing strategies for responding by presenting claim amendments and arguments to the Examiner.
- Accompany U.S. patent practitioners on personal interviews with Examiners.
- Attendance at seminars and workshops.

Accommodations

Accommodations close to our office are readily available with shopping and transportation close-by.

Events

Guest associates will be able to attend:

- Cultural Events: concerts, opera, ballet, symphony, museums, and local sporting events such as baseball (Nationals), basketball (Wizards), and hockey (Capitals).
- Each guest associate will be invited to American homes for meals or parties.
- Outdoor Activities
- Federal Circuit Hearings





United States Patent and Trademark Office

Sample of Lecture Topics

U.S. Legal System

U.S. Patent System Basics

Patent Application Drafting

Restriction / Election of Species

35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102 and 103

35 U.S.C. § 112 (a) and (b) Written Description/Indefiniteness

35 U.S.C. § 112 (f) Means-Plus-Function

Responding to Office Actions

Appeals before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board

Duty of Disclosure/Information Disclosure Statements

Litigation in Federal Courts

U.S. Trademark System Basics

Design Patents

Opinion Practice

Patent Office Litigation Practice

Activities

Each guest associate will have a host/sponsor responsible for orientation, scheduling activities, and serving as their main source of contact.

Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC is a full-service, national law firm with 450 attorneys and government relations professionals in 17 offices in major cities across the United States. We serve the legal needs of international, national, and local clients. We have significant resources across the country and understand our clients and their businesses and industries.

Buchanan is one of the oldest and largest law firms with a significant Intellectual Property practice in the United States. Our Intellectual Property (IP) Section includes approximately 60 attorneys and patent agents who offer a full range of services. Many of our professionals hold advanced technology degrees.

Our Alexandria, Virginia location is within walking distance of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) main campus allowing our attorneys to engage patent and trademark examiners in face-to-face interviews and negotiations.

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