

Summer Associates

Our summer associate program is designed to give law students exposure to real-world law firm experience through a diverse range of opportunities and assignments in many of the firm's practice areas. Our goal is to provide students with substantive and practical knowledge by working closely with attorneys on individualized assignments. We also take pride in introducing students to the culture of our firm and to our people through social events organized during the summer in Portland.

Mikaela Marino, 2023



"My summer associate experience at Sussman Shank far surpassed my expectations. I was not only afforded the respect and responsibilities of any new associate, but I was also offered support and encouragement. The mentorship I received was invaluable to supporting my development as a burgeoning attorney. I worked on a breadth of projects and cases,

including legal research, creating internal and external memoranda, drafting business and litigation documents, attending depositions and mediations, and taking part in firm social events—I even made a few runs for the softball team! I’m grateful for the opportunity and know that I have the foundation, skills, and confidence to enter the legal profession.”

Paxton Deuel, 2022



"The attorneys and staff at Sussman Shank immediately made me feel a part of the team. From day one, I was treated like any other associate. I drafted business and litigation documents, researched legal issues, participated in client meetings, observed depositions, attended court hearings, watched a mock jury trial, and even played on the firm’s softball team. Furthermore, the partners met with me daily, and I could tell they genuinely cared about my growth as a law student and future lawyer."