

## Barclay Damon Summer Associate Program Presented by Barclay Damon Live

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[Voiceover (Connie Cahill)]: Each summer, outstanding law students from across the country come to Barclay Damon's Northeastern US offices for experiences that help them shape their careers. Our summer associate program provides select 1L and 2L students with paid, real-world experience, working collaboratively on substantive client matters in a fast-paced, collegial law firm environment.

[Meghan Dwyer]: Our summer associate program here at Barclay Damon is really unique because we offer 1Ls an opportunity to get private firm experience after just one year of law school. Our 1Ls get opportunities to shadow our attorneys in court, in client meetings, and spend some time sitting in-house with clients and experience the practice of law from a different perspective. Our 2Ls are assigned to specific practice areas, which gives them a great opportunity to really focus on their passions, to really learn the substantive areas of law that they hope to practice as a full-time associate at the firm.

**[Kyra Ganswith]:** They're more than happy to kind of give you the roadmap to success and also take the time to provide detailed feedback that you're going to need for your assignments going forward. I decided to come back to Barclay Damon as an associate after graduating law school because of the relationships that I built during my 1L summer, and then also just the level of work that I was getting. I felt like I had enough autonomy to work on really good matters but enough supervision to ask questions from partners when I needed to and to get the help that I needed.

[Briana Krawczyk]: As a summer associate, I was preparing emails and doing research for memorandums and court filings that actually made it to the end game. And then from there out I was just provided the ability to talk to clients myself or to go to court myself and to deal with opposing counsel directly. So the firm provides a lot of opportunities for growth, especially as young associates. A lot of times you don't get that exposure, but the firm gives you the tools, and then they also provide you the opportunities to grow and to learn and to do real-life legal work instead of just behind the scenes.

[Nosayaba Aimuyo]: Barclay Damon really walks that walk when you're actually here working with everyone. I really value that access and how easy it is to reach out to people across the firm. Although I'm a summer associate in the corporate group, I've had the opportunity to work with partners and associates across different practice groups and really test out and sample different areas of law.

[Brenden Diaz]: I've had the privilege to attend the Barclay Damon Summer Associate Program as a 1L and as a 2L. My 1L experience was incredible. I was able to do about 25 assignments across five different practice areas, including bankruptcy, land use and zoning, trust and estates, a pretty wide range of practice areas. The attorneys offer you plenty of opportunities to get involved, and I'm already seeing the impact that you can have on a community by giving away your time for free. You know, that's what pro bono is. And so to be able to do this in the small capacity that I'm able to provide to the team, it's really my honor.

**[Connie Cahill]:** Come spend the summer at Barclay Damon. You'll work on interesting matters for sophisticated clients, interact with our partners and associates who are very invested in your future, participate in lunch 'n' learns where you'll deepen your legal skills, and broaden your perspective on the practice of law—and along the way, have some fun.

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