RECRUITING THE FORDHAM LL.M. GRADUATE

Global Reach, In-Depth Understanding

Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law

Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law

International Business and Trade Law

International Dispute Resolution

International Law and Justice

U.S. and Comparative Law

Guide for Employers
In today’s highly competitive legal marketplace, providing superb counsel is only the beginning. To meet and exceed client expectations, law firms must deliver both an in-depth understanding of relevant legal issues and a broader knowledge of business and cultural trends that may impact a client’s strategic objectives. The LL.M. program at Fordham Law School is designed to develop graduates who can add significant value to a firm’s ability to exceed client expectations.

Our LL.M. candidates offer employers significant advantages beyond the in-depth technical knowledge an advanced legal degree provides. Recruited from around the world, a Fordham LL.M. candidate is likely to have important professional experience, established contacts in key regions, and a strong grasp of cultural and business nuances in prominent global markets.

A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Every year we welcome approximately 180 LL.M. students, who represent a unique and diverse collection of skills and talents.
I need lawyers who know more than just the law and the languages. I need people who understand the business landscape in Eastern Europe, people who have contacts in South America, people with more than a textbook understanding of the EU. Where do I find such lawyers?

BREADTH OF EXPERIENCE
The vast majority of Fordham’s LL.M. students enter our programs with professional experience. Fordham’s LL.M. classes comprise professionals whose experience extends to:
- International and regional law firms
- Major accounting firms
- Global banks, insurance companies, and multinational companies in various sectors
- Intergovernmental organizations such as the United Nations
- Courts and departments of justice in national and regional governments

Additionally, complementing their legal training, members of the LL.M. class have studied broadly and deeply in subject areas both within and outside of the law. Many hold degrees, both undergraduate and advanced, in business, management, international relations, or international law from some of the world’s most distinguished universities.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK
Our LL.M. students often come equipped with vast professional networks. Beyond their own contacts, LL.M.s become part of the greater Fordham Law alumni network, one of the strongest in the country, with a large and rapidly growing international presence. Fordham Law’s well earned reputation as a friendly, welcoming community means our graduates form lifetime professional relationships with fellow students, professors, and practitioners who participate in the Law School in a variety of ways.

EMPLOYER-FRIENDLY PROGRAM
Fordham’s LL.M. degrees—Banking, Corporate, and Finance Law; Intellectual Property and Information Technology Law; International Business and Trade Law; International Dispute Resolution; International Law and Justice; U.S. and Comparative Law—provide candidates the opportunity to specialize in fields that are rapidly evolving as the law, economy, technology, and times demand.

The rigorous academic program that is the hallmark of one of the most selective law schools in the nation is only the beginning for Fordham’s students. Our programs are designed to produce graduates with the skills and knowledge that forward-looking organizations value.

WRITING
Foreign-trained LL.M. students take a mandatory writing course that covers the fundamentals of U.S. legal research and writing. Many LL.M. students also complete a faculty-supervised writing project. All LL.M. students are held to the same high standard of writing that is a focal point of Fordham’s J.D. program.

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SKILLS
Applicants educated in non-English-speaking jurisdictions are required to demonstrate high proficiency in the English language as evidence by their TOEFL® (Test of English as a Foreign Language”), ILEC (International Legal English Certificate), or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) scores.

EXTRACURRICULAR ENRICHMENT
LL.M. students are fully integrated into the life of one of America’s most selective and vibrant law schools. Fordham’s Lincoln Center location means that its conferences, seminars, and other programs attract the world’s leading practitioners, academics, and judges. The combination of an outstanding location and a distinguished faculty has enabled Fordham to host three leading international law conferences: the Annual Conference on International Intellectual Property Law and Policy, Conference on International Mediation and Arbitration, and the Annual Conference on International Antitrust Law and Policy.

Fordham’s Center on European Union Law is one of the nation’s premier EU law programs. LL.M. students’ access to these and other conferences at the Law School gives them the opportunity to meet and learn from leading experts in these fields.

In addition, foreign-trained LL.M. students are eligible to participate in the school’s well-respected journals. The Fordham International Law Journal is one of the most competitive international periodicals in the world and one of the most frequently cited legal publications dedicated to the study of international law. The Fordham Journal of Corporate & Financial Law partners with the Fordham Corporate Law Center to produce and publish an annual symposium on current topics of interest to the business and legal community and is the #1 most-cited banking and finance journal in other journals. The Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal is the fourth most-cited IP law journal and the #2 most-cited arts, entertainment, and sports law journal. Based on a rigorous selection process, LL.M. candidates have the opportunity to join a journal related to the program in which they are enrolled.

FOCUS ON THE BAR EXAM
Fordham Law offers regular courses to assist foreign-trained LL.M. students who are preparing for the bar exam. These courses provide a survey of many areas of U.S. law that are tested heavily on the New York State Bar Examination.
**PERFORMANCE OF PAST CLASSES**

Fordham Law LL.M. graduates have gone on to work at a number of governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and law firms, including the following:

- Baker & McKenzie LLP
- BlackRock
- Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP
- Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP
- Chiomenti Studio Legale
- Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
- Covington & Burling LLP
- Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP
- Crowell & Moring LLP
- Cushman & Wakefield, Inc.
- Davis, Polk & Wardwell LLP
- Deloitte & Touche LLP
- Deutsche Bank AG
- Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP
- DLA Piper LLP
- Epstein, Becker & Green, P.C.
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
- Jones Day
- Kaye Scholer LLP
- Lee & Ko
- Linklaters
- Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
- Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Peixoto e Curu Advogados
- PriceWaterhouseCoopers
- Schiff Hardin LLP
- Shearman & Sterling LLP
- Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
- Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP
- Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal LLP
- Swiss Reinsurance America
- United Nations
- WestLB AG
- Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
- White & Case LLP

**RECRUITING LL.M.s AT FORDHAM**

LL.M. students are admitted in both the spring and fall, giving employers the convenience of recruiting LL.M. graduates at two different times during the year.

**RESUME COLLECTION SERVICE**

The Graduate Professional Development Program will collect and forward a set of student resumes that meet your specific criteria. This service is available for entry-level, lateral, and summer positions. Please contact us at llm@law.fordham.edu to discuss your hiring needs.

**ONLINE JOB BANK**

law-fordham-csm.simplicity.com/employers

Employers have the option of posting part-time, summer, post-graduate, and lateral positions in our password protected online job bank, accessible only to Fordham Law students and alumni.

To take advantage of this service, please e-mail the position details directly to careers@law.fordham.edu for posting.

**EXTERNSHIPS**

LL.M. students are permitted to do unpaid for-credit externships in a variety of settings, including nonprofit organizations, law firms, corporations, and government agencies. Externships can take place during the school year or in the summer. If you are interested in hosting a Fordham LL.M. extern, visit law.fordham.edu/llm/extern or contact llm@law.fordham.edu for more information.

**CONTACT**

For additional information on how Fordham Law can help your organization meet its hiring needs please contact:

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In today’s competitive, international legal marketplace, a comprehensive, cross-cultural understanding of the law is not simply a benefit; it is a necessity. Our clients have global needs. Fortunately, Fordham Law’s LL.M. program graduates legal professionals with global answers—and specialized lawyering skills that are second to none.

— Peter Sacripanti, Partner, Co-Chair, and Chair of the Executive Committee
McDermott Will & Emery LLP, New York

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Fordham Law LL.M. graduates are sophisticated in their critical thinking and worldly in their creative problem solving. They confront challenges with a broad base of knowledge and untangle complicated legal issues with precise, focused skill.

— Luca Liistro (LL.M. ’06)
Partner, Chiomenti Studio Legale, Milan