



Summer Clerkship

Corcoran French has a rich history serving clients across Canterbury for over 125 years. This summer is your opportunity to be a part of that history.

At Corcoran French we are a progressive law firm committed to building strong relationships with our clients, understanding their needs and finding practical solution to their legal problems. Our firm is large enough to service our clients' legal needs but small enough to ensure that our staff and clients are not just another number.

The most important people in our business are our staff and our clients. At Corcoran French we always strive to achieve the best for these people.

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THE "I"S
CROSS
THE "t"S**

We care about our people and this is reflected by the work/life balance that all of our staff enjoy.

Corcoran French is a great place to practice law.

We bring our "A game" for our clients and always dot the "i"s and cross the "t"s to ensure our clients get the best results.

We believe that by working at Corcoran French you will enjoy a broader range of work, for a more diverse range of clients, than you would by working for one of the big firms.

Think outside the square to get the best outcome for your personal and professional development.

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Square

At Corcoran French we work for a large range of clients from your mums and dads right through to medium to large sized businesses and local government.

As a summer clerk with Corcoran French you will benefit from exposure right across the board to all of this.

We take great pride in Corcoran French's decision to commence a summer clerkship programme and at the end of your summer clerkship we want to have a conversation with you about your career and any possible future opportunities that might exist with Corcoran French.

At Corcoran French we want you to grow and develop as well as enjoy yourself while doing so. We will make sure you experience a range of work and real exposure to clients. So here’s what we offer our summer clerk:

1 What area of law will I work in?

You will work across three teams during your summer with Corcoran French. In no particular order your time will be divided into three blocks.

A third of your time with us will be spent in our Christchurch office’s commercial team. During this time you will receive exposure to the day to day running of our commercial law team which could involve property, contract law, trusts or even estate work.

A third of your time will be spent with our litigation team. You will attend court with our litigators (depending on scheduled court appearances) and get real hands on experience to the workings of dispute resolution and litigation.

And a third of your time will be spent in our Kaiapoi office’s commercial team doing similar work to what you will have done with our Christchurch commercial team.

2 Will I have client contact?

Absolutely. It is impossible to be a lawyer without clients. We think it is important for you to have client contact and wherever there is an appropriate opportunity you will be included, alongside one of our experienced lawyers.

3 What hours will I work?

You will work a standard full-time working week. Our expectation is that you will have a strong work/life balance while working at Corcoran French. Obviously you will work hard at work but don’t be expecting to be working late into the night.

4 Will I be paid?

Yes! You will be paid a market wage.

5 Who will look after me during my summer clerkship?

In each team that you work in you will have a supervising partner who will ultimately be responsible for you. However on a day to day basis you will be allocated a buddy in each team. That person will act as your mentor for the time that you are in their team and they will be able to answer all the questions that you have and give you guidance on a day to day basis.

6 What is Corcoran French looking for?

Corcoran French is looking for somebody who is committed to the values of our firm. Check out our website for more details about these values.

7 What dates will my summer clerkship begin and end?

We are flexible about this and can work around you. We anticipate mid-November to mid-February with around three weeks off during the Christmas break.

We will finalise these dates closer to the time.

8 When to applications open?

Our applications open on 1 March and close mid-April.

We plan to interview in late April, early May and offers will be made shortly after.

9 How do I apply?

Please complete our application form and email your CV, academic transcript and covering letter to Steven Duxfield, General Manager at steven@corcoranfrench.co.nz.

10 What if I have any questions?

Get in touch. If you share our values and want to be part of Corcoran French’s history get in touch with our General Manager, Steven Duxfield on 03 379 4660 or email Steven at steven@corcoranfrench.co.nz.

We will also be at the University of Canterbury Law and Justice Recruitment Evening, so come have a chat with us.