

Competition Law Internship Positions

Mlex is a leading independent subscription-based news agency that provides exclusive market intelligence, analysis and commentary to finance, investment and legal professionals. We provide in-depth coverage of M&A, antitrust probes, state-backed bail-outs, intellectual property, trade and regulatory issues.

We are looking for enthusiastic and energetic law graduates who would like to spend time with us in our Brussels newsroom as part of our merger analysis team.

Candidates should have completed at least a bachelor's degree in law, preferably with good results in EU law subjects. An LL.M. or other advanced degree with a focus on European competition law would be an asset. Admission to the bar or admission to practice is not a requirement.

The people we are seeking should be able to demonstrate a keen interest in and aptitude for European law, and more specifically in European competition law. Knowledge of the European Community Merger Regulation (Regulation 139/2004) would be an asset. A previous traineeship in DG Comp or the Legal Service of the European Commission or the competition practice of a law firm or national competition authority or similar is desirable. An interest in business journalism and an aptitude for writing in English is essential.

You should be someone who feels comfortable working in English at native speaker or near native-speaker level for a large part of every day. Other European Union languages, in particular German, French, Dutch and Italian would be a distinct asset.

Successful applicants will be an integral part of Mlex's merger analysis team and will receive in-depth training on European merger control law. Interns will assist in all aspects of research and writing of Mlex comment and analysis articles on transactions of note which are subject to European and Member State merger control laws. This will include carrying out jurisdictional analyses of transactions reported in the media and a substantive analysis of competition issues in such transactions, as well as the tracking of such deals before and after notification to various competition authorities. Interns will be given responsibility for managing a portfolio of current merger case files on a variety of sectors, which they will be required to keep updated on the Mlex website/database and follow closely. They will also be expected to produce timely articles in English about individual cases for publication on the Mlex news service, under their own by-line.

Interns may in addition have the opportunity to attend relevant competition law conferences and some European Commission daily midday press briefings in Brussels.

This is an ideal position for law graduates who are looking to launch a career in competition law in Brussels. Successful candidates will receive significant exposure to all aspects of merger control law as it applies to live cases before the European Commission and national competition authorities. Those demonstrating aptitude and capability will be given the opportunity to take on increasing responsibility quickly in our fast-growing team of journalists and lawyers.

MLex's subscribers include the competition practices of law firms and the European Commission as well as public affairs agencies, investment banks and hedge funds.

We envisage a traineeship period of a minimum of 3 months, which could be extended to 6 months if mutually desirable.

The successful applicant will join us on an independent (non-employed) basis for the traineeship period. An allowance of Euro 35 per day will be paid. MLex will also reimburse the cost of one return economy class airfare or train fare from the successful applicant's home to Brussels if the applicant is not already living in Brussels, and provide practical assistance in finding temporary accommodation in Brussels where necessary.

For the right candidate, the traineeship position has the potential to lead to a full-time position. Founded in 2005 and expanding rapidly, MLex expects to recruit further staff in 2009 and later.

Interested? We'd like to hear from you! Further information about the position is available from MLex's Merger Analyst, Dafydd Nelson, telephone +32 2 300 8264, nelson@mlex.com.

Your English CV, with a one-page covering letter in English should be sent to Dafydd by e-mail. Please include an academic transcript showing all subjects studied at university and grades achieved in each course, as well as documentary evidence of foreign language skills and any relevant references from previous employers. If you are not a native English speaker, please include a writing sample in English, preferably a piece dealing with a European competition law subject, such as an essay from university or similar.

There is no closing date for applications as MLex has competition law internship slots to fill throughout the year. Please precisely state your availability in your covering e-mail and covering letter. You should apply as early as possible before your date of availability as MLex aims to interview suitable candidates and make firm offers several months ahead of actual starting dates.