

Mid-level Attorney Location: Parsippany, NJ

About TM Forum

TM Forum (the Forum) is a non-profit corporation of the State of New Jersey, organized under Sect. 501 (c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

TM Forum is the global member association for digital business. We provide a platform for hundreds of global members across a wide range of industries – communications, technology, cities and municipal government, insurance, healthcare, and so on – to collaborate and partner to co-create, prototype, deliver, and monetize innovative digital services for their billions of customers.

Our vision is to drive the next wave of digital business growth – the digitization of every industry – by providing a common innovation platform to connect businesses, industries, and ecosystems. We do this in a highly practical and agile way through collaboration programs and communities which lead to rapid prototypes – ranging from digital business models to interconnectivity APIs – that have real world commercial applications. Complementing our collaboration programs, the Forum provides thought-provoking digital business research and publications, industry best practices and standards along with training programs to accelerate adoption, and events and workshops which connect top business & IT leaders to learn, network, and develop meaningful partnerships.

Job Overview

We are seeking an attorney to work with our General Counsel, on a part-time basis. The candidate will have a minimum of seven years of practice, preferably with a mid-sized or large law firm, and will be experienced in software licensing and contracts, joint ventures and liaison agreements with other entities, and will also be familiar with copyright, domestic and international trademark registrations, and other intellectual property issues.

The position will require between 30 to 40 hours a month. Work can be performed from the candidate's home office, with periodic attendance at the Forum's office as may be required. The candidate will have good computer skills (Microsoft, Excel, Power Point) and word processing capabilities for the drafting and revision of documents.

The candidate will report to the CFO and work under the supervision of General Counsel, who will initially train the candidate in the policies, procedures, standard documents, and activities of the Forum from a legal standpoint, with more independence and responsibility to be given as he or she becomes fully comfortable with the Forum's legal needs and requirements.

Responsibilities

- Provide practical legal advice and support on domestic and international business matters and propose solutions which balance the risk/benefit
- Structure, review, draft and negotiate a variety of agreements, including non-disclosure agreements (NDA's), intellectual property rights (IPR's) consulting and professional service agreements, supplier and other vendor agreements, content license agreements, and other similar transactions
- Support and provide guidance to the supply chain management, information technology and
 information systems, business development, and marketing functions by reviewing legal issues,
 contracts, providing timely and efficient advice, and developing and implementing litigation
 avoidance strategies



- Registration of U.S. and foreign trademark applications
- Drafting and negotiating a wide variety of commercial contracts, including supply, distribution, service and technology licensing agreements to safeguard the company's interest
- Working with and advising business clients directly, as well as providing guidance and practical solutions for various corporate policies
- Maintain corporate records compliance

Requirements

- JD degree and seven or more years of relevant work experience
- Bar membership and needed licenses
- Experience drafting and negotiating commercial transactions, including but not limited to marketing, software licensing and confidentiality agreements, procurement documents and statements of work
- Experience of working with management on issues of strategic importance to the organization, delivering commercial legal advice in a concise and accessible manner
- Experience with data privacy laws preferred
- Ability to identify potential legal issues and make independent recommendations of proposed solutions
- A team player who readily shares information and can operate effectively and independently in a global and collaborative culture.

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