



Burford Capital Limited
Corporate Counsel
Chicago, Illinois, USA

Burford Capital is a leading global finance and investment management firm focused on law. Its businesses include litigation finance and risk management, asset recovery and a wide range of legal finance and advisory activities. Burford is publicly traded on the London Stock Exchange, and it works with law firms and clients around the world from its principal offices in New York, London, Chicago, Washington, Singapore, and Sydney. Burford recently celebrated its 10th anniversary and boasts nearly 130 employees.

The Firm has created a position for a Corporate Counsel who will handle litigation finance and other corporate and commercial transactions, as well as a variety of other legal matters relating to, among other areas, operations, regulatory requirements, corporate structure and governance. This is an opportunity for a very smart and motivated person to carve out a unique and valued role in Burford's Chicago office, where there is a need for an additional legal expert to work hand-in-hand with our team there. The successful candidate for this new position will become the ninth member of Burford's global legal team, which spans the New York and London offices in addition to Chicago.

The role will report to the Deputy General Counsel and be based in Burford's Chicago office.

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COMPANY OVERVIEW

Burford Capital is the largest and most experienced provider of commercial legal finance in the world, accelerating growth and optimizing legal assets for law firms and in-house legal teams. Since its founding in 2010, Burford has worked with hundreds of law firms and corporations, including 90 of the world's 100 largest law firms. Our team has grown from five people at the end of 2009 to over 125 people today, including some 60 lawyers, in offices in New York, London, Chicago, Washington, Singapore and Sydney.

Burford possesses the resources and expertise of a large company while retaining the flexibility and creativity of a startup. Team members are smart, creative, collaborative, curious, and confident. Everyone rolls up their sleeves to perform and engage collectively for the overall success of the business. Burford values rigorous thinking, clear communication, and efficient execution.

Burford pays base salaries consistent with the financial services industry and favors incentive compensation to reward performance. Burford provides competitive health care benefits and a 401k matching program.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

This is a hands-on, sleeves-rolled-up role. The Burford legal team is largely self-reliant, turning to outside counsel only in limited circumstances for specialized expertise. As such, to become a successful member of the team a candidate must be resourceful and truly enjoy the workaday aspects of being a corporate lawyer.

Litigation Finance Transactions

- Managing and closing litigation finance transactions, including drafting and negotiating term sheets; financing, security and intercreditor agreements; nondisclosure agreements; powers of attorney; escrow and control agreements; KYC documentation and various other documents and agreements as needed.
- Working closely with Burford's underwriting, tax and finance teams to effectively structure, navigate, negotiate and progress transactions to successful conclusion, minimizing legal and operational risks and ensuring positive client experiences in the process.
- Spotting tax issues and managing legal ethics requirements related to the business of finance for the legal sector.
- Working with local counsel in non-U.S. jurisdictions on matters of security and other local law issues.

Corporate Transactions

- Working on corporate transactions arising in the course of Burford's rapidly evolving business, including with outside counsel if appropriate.
- Assisting with legal matters relating to Burford's private investment funds.
- Other transactions the Corporate Counsel may work on include joint ventures, participations and other co-investment structures, capital raisings, mergers and acquisitions, minority investments and intra-group reorganizations.

Governance and Other Corporate Matters

- Drafting agreements, resolutions, policies, procedures and other documents to implement and manage internal corporate structuring needs, cash management requirements and governance initiatives.
- Working effectively with Burford's finance, tax, business development and other teams to facilitate their successful functioning.
- Assisting with public company matters related to Burford's publicly listed debt and equity.

Other Legal Work

- Reviewing, preparing, negotiating and advising on third party vendor contracts.
- Advising on minor disputes and providing support as needed on litigation matters in which Burford is a party.
- Assisting with the development and maintenance of form documents, other knowledge management resources and internal guidelines.
- Analysis and management of any in the broad spectrum of legal issues that may arise in the conduct of Burford's constantly developing business.

SKILLS DESIRED

Qualifications & Experience

- 4 -6 years of corporate legal experience, including at least 4 years at a major law firm.
- Top academic credentials with demonstrated career progression.
- Strong background in finance and secured transactions. Other corporate transactional experience, such as mergers & acquisitions, is also desired.
- Significant exposure to cross-border transactions is a plus.
- Financial services sector experience is not essential but will be very useful. In-house experience, ideally in a transactions-focused venture capital, private equity or other financial services setting, will be valuable.
- JD licensed in Illinois or New York.

Core Competencies & Skills / Personal Attributes & Fit

- Superior writing and analytical ability.
- Excellent interpersonal/people skills, including the ability to build relationships with highly sophisticated internal clients and to interact effectively at all levels of the organization.
- Judgment and self-confidence, but also humility, open-mindedness, respect for others (regardless of position), and enthusiasm for working as a team member.
- Excellent problem-solving, organizational and communication skills -- necessary to negotiate and interface with a myriad of internal and external contacts.
- Highly organized, with committed work ethic and strong attention to detail; able to work independently and prioritize and manage multiple projects and deadlines simultaneously.
- Enterprising, highly intelligent, creative and proactive, and willing and eager to learn.

SUMMARY

The Corporate Counsel will be a valued member of our global legal team and will play an important role collaborating with our underwriters and investment leadership when it comes to documenting and closing our investments and advising on other matters of importance to Burford's business. It is imperative that this individual have a creative business mindset, excellent professional judgment, flexibility and close attention to detail regarding documentation, as well as the ability to prioritize and multi-task in our fast-paced environment.



The Corporate Counsel will be low-ego, focused on results and teamwork and able to drive work independently to completion. He/she will possess the gravitas, credentials, financial acumen, and legal experience to quickly understand the economics of proposed deals and faithfully and quickly document them for closing execution. As Burford continues to grow, and expands into new complex business areas and more global jurisdictions, this is a great opportunity for a skilled corporate counsel who enjoys novel challenges to operate at the unique intersection of finance and law.