



## **Burford Capital Limited**

### Vice President – Portfolio Management

#### Chicago

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.

The Firm has created a Vice President (or above, commensurate with experience) position on the case management team, which is responsible for monitoring and maximizing the value of our multi-billion dollar portfolio of existing litigation investments. The case manager will manage the substantial portfolio of patent cases in which Burford has invested, including staying informed of and reporting on material developments in our investments; monitoring spend vs. commitment and the life cycle of the case; advising senior management on developments and strategic issues; and working with our counterparties to enhance our chances of a successful investment and case resolution. The case manager will work side-by-side with underwriter case owners who originally underwrote the patent investments in the portfolio, and with case managers for commercial litigation and arbitration investments. This case manager also will work closely with law firms, in-house counsel, and corporate representatives, as well as Burford's global underwriting team.

The case manager will report to a Managing Director of Burford responsible for managing the firm's investments and be based in Burford's Chicago offices.

#### **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**

### ***Qualifications & Experience***

- A minimum of 5 years of high-value patent litigation experience from a first-rate US law firm (AmLaw 100) and at least 3 years of in-house experience at a top company. An undergraduate or graduate degree in engineering or science are preferred but not required.
- Law firm experience should include substantial briefing, deposition and expert discovery, and oral argument/trial work.
- In-house experience should include managing a significant docket of matters, preparing case strategy and budgets, overseeing outside counsel's execution of strategy and adherence to budgets, and reporting to internal business and legal team on strategy and developments.
- Experience with litigation involving trade secret, contract, and complex financial products and services helpful.
- Experience in negotiating complex IP agreements.
- Licensed to practice law in any U.S. jurisdiction

## **SKILLS DESIRED**

### ***Core Competencies & Skills***

- a thoughtful litigator with an intuitive sense of the merit, value and risks of litigation;
- numerate and deal-savvy, with the ability to assess risk and explain (both internally and externally) the value of a deal;
- ability to assess complicated legal and/or financial issues, describe them simply, and propose commercially reasonable solutions to managers;
- a multi-tasker, capable of actively managing a large and complex portfolio of high-value litigation;
- a team player who can work collegially with team members at multiple levels and business functions to assist with legal and financial analysis;
- a good communicator and out-going, capable of participating in panels, conferences, and other client-facing business development opportunities on behalf of Burford; and
- ambitious and ready to work in a fast-paced environment where both your legal skills and financial acumen will be fully utilized.

### ***Other Requirements***

- Some amount of travel (<10%) may be required
- Excel proficiency helpful



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