

Intellectual Property Lawyer Resumes

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Writing an intellectual property lawyer resume requires special attention to a number of elements. First, intellectual property lawyers must include experience and education sections in a strict chronological format. It is crucial that the education section be very precise regarding the degrees received, and include the major(s) associated with those degrees. The majority of legal employers require a specific undergraduate background or degree from their intellectual property lawyers; therefore this information must be included in the resume.

Secondly, be sure to include specializations within the field of intellectual property if you possess them, and any related education or experience. The goal is to let a potential employer know how you are more qualified than other applicants, especially in this competitive field.

Finally, important skills to have and to emphasize in your intellectual property lawyer resume are good verbal and written communication skills, the ability to work with a variety of people, and the ability to solve problems creatively. You should also be able to demonstrate good judgment, client service skill, and some understanding of business. While the demand for intellectual property lawyers is increasing, so is the pool of available applicants, making resume writing for intellectual property lawyer more competitive than ever.

Here is an intellectual property lawyer resume sample:

SAMPLE 1

Mailing Address
Phone
Email

PROFESSIONAL OVERVIEW

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Creative and practical problem solver with sound business judgment. Skilled at managing multiple tasks and competing priorities in fast-paced, high volume environments. Committed to ongoing professional development through formal post-graduate degree training with an emphasis on technology licensing.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Technology Corporation, Palo Alto, California

Senior Licensing Counsel, 2004 - Present

Responsible for more than \$100M in outbound software licenses over a period of 18 months. As lead licensing counsel, handled all requests for non-standard modifications to license agreements and mentored the Company's U.S.-based licensing attorneys on negotiation strategy and drafting methods.

- Draft and modify outbound and inbound technology license agreements.
- Confer with internal clients with respect to applicable distribution models.
- Create and modify a wide variety of product support and implementation agreements.
- Provide legal and business guidance with regard to domestic and international component supply and procurement agreements.
- Draft and modify a broad spectrum of confidentiality agreements related to domestic and international technology transactions.
- Create and modify letters of intent and memoranda of understanding related to technology transactions.
- Modify and augment personnel recruitment agreements as necessary to meet client objectives.

Software Corporation, Menlo Park, California

Licensing Counsel, 2000 - 2004

Supported a licensing legal group consisting of five licensing attorneys and support staff. Responsible for the negotiation and drafting of more than \$45M in license agreements over a period of 16 months.

- Reduced legal aspects of license negotiation time by an average of more than 80% by creating a revised outbound license agreement that addressed frequently negotiated sections while remaining consistent with the Company's business model.
- Facilitated the re-establishment of the Company's consulting services function as a member of the task force designated for that purpose.
- Created a comprehensive suite of consulting services agreements that protected the Company's interests and were readily accepted by consulting clients.
- Implemented a strategy to address customer concerns that use of mission critical software might be disrupted by the Company's payment of a large judgment.

EDUCATION

Santa Clara University School of Law, Santa Clara California

LL.M., Intellectual Property Law, 2000

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California

J.D., 1999

San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California
B.A., Mechanical Engineering, 1996

ADMISSIONS

California State Bar, 1999

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Corporate Counsel, Intellectual Property

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