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The Trademark Group in Microsoft's Law and Corporate Affairs (LCA) division has an immediate opening for a trademark legal specialist to work on cutting-edge trademark legal advice and policy issues. This attorney will share responsibility with Microsoft's other trademark professionals for the company's worldwide trademark legal practice. This role involves trademark clearance, conflicts, licensing, prosecution, general trademark counseling, as well as policy development and outreach.

Primary Responsibilities for this position include:

- Serve as trademark specialist for one or more product groups and their associated legal teams and help advise on a broad range of strategic trademark matters.
- Work within a team on trademark clearance, prosecution, conflicts, and licensing for your product groups.
- Work effectively with internal teams, including the broader legal Marketing Group, colleagues in the legal department, business clients, specialists, Microsoft subsidiaries, and multiple product groups to help analyze legal risks, resolve issues and implement overall trademark-related business strategies.
- Coordinate work with outside counsel globally.
- Help create and deliver innovative legal training to clients and colleagues across Microsoft.
- The mix and balance among these responsibilities is anticipated to shift over time.

We are looking for a stellar legal specialist with:

- A J.D. or equivalent with excellent academic credentials
- A minimum of 5 years of trademark practice with extensive international experience in clearance, prosecution, licensing, and conflict work, including litigation or litigation management.
- In house experience is a plus.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Outstanding organizational and analytical skills.
- Ability to collaborate effectively across groups with a sense of urgency, including the ability to influence without formal authority.
- A keen business sense, the skills to find creative solutions to legal issues, and the ability to effectively balance legal risks against business interests.
- Innate bias for action and driving client-focused results.
- Demonstrated ability to identify and prioritize key deliverables.

-Ability to work efficiently and balance multiple tasks in a fast-paced environment.

-Proven ability to work independently and as part of a team, and possessing the ability to lead, mentor and motivate others.

-Desire and ability to interact effectively with a variety of personalities across diverse internal groups, teams, divisions, and cultures.

-Experience and passion for internet, software and technology-related issues.

The above description is designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by an employee in this position. The actual duties, responsibilities and qualifications may vary.

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