

Corcoran French has a rich history serving clients across Canterbury and the West Coast for over 125 years. This summer is your opportunity to be a part of that history.

We're committed to building strong relationships with our clients, understanding their needs and finding practical solutions to their legal problems. Our firm is large enough to service our clients' legal needs but small enough to ensure that our staff and clients are not just another number.

Our staff and our clients are the most important people in our business. At Corcoran French we always strive to achieve the best for these people.

## DOT THE "I'S" CROSS THE "t'S"

We care about our people and this is reflected by the work/life balance that all of our staff enjoy.

Corcoran French is a great place to practise law.

We bring our "A game" for our clients and always dot the "i's" and cross the "t's" to ensure our clients get the best results.

We believe that by working at Corcoran French you will enjoy a broader range of work, for a more diverse range of clients, than you would by working for one of the big firms.

Think outside the square to get the best outcome for your personal and professional development.

THINK OUTSIDE THE  
*Square*

We work with a large range of clients from your 'mums and dads' right through to large businesses, rural clients and local government.

As a summer clerk with Corcoran French you will benefit from exposure across the board to all of this.

We take great pride in our summer clerkship programme and at the end of your summer we want to have a conversation with you about your career and any possible future opportunities that might exist with Corcoran French.

'As someone who has had the pleasure of spending their second summer in a row with Corcoran French, it has been the most rewarding experience. Over the summer months, I have had the opportunity to continue working in a Law Clerk role as well as transition into a permanent position.

Summer  
Clerk  
2022/2023

Law Clerk  
2023 -



Zia Garcia

Corcoran French has been very understanding and accommodating in allowing me to complete my final year of study whilst still working part-time in the office. Every day I feel more and more at home with the team and being involved in many team bonding activities outside of the office has allowed my relationships to grow even further.

As I continue to grow into my role and learn more about my current position, I am glad to be surrounded by such an uplifting team. I am extremely grateful for all the opportunities that have come my way since starting in 2021 and could not be more proud to be working for Corcoran French.

### About the programme:

#### 1 What area of law will I work in?

You will work across all of our teams during your summer with Corcoran French. In no particular order your time will be divided into four blocks:

- **Christchurch Commercial.** During this time you will receive exposure to the day to day running of our commercial law team which could involve property, contract law, trusts or estate work.
- **Litigation.** You may attend court with our litigators (it depends on scheduled court appearances) and get real hands on experience with the workings of dispute resolution and litigation.
- **Kaiapoi Commercial & Estates.** Based in our Kaiapoi office, you'll do similar work to what you will have done with our Christchurch commercial team. You'll also spend time working in our Kaiapoi estates team.
- **Family.** You'll receive exposure to the range of family law matters that the team deal with, including relationship property, care of children, family violence and dissolutions.

#### 2 Will I have client contact?

Absolutely. We think it is important for you to have client contact and wherever there is an appropriate opportunity you will be included, alongside one of our experienced lawyers.

#### 3 What hours will I work?

You will work a standard full-time working week. Our expectation is that you will have a strong work/life balance while working at Corcoran French. Obviously you will work hard at work but don't expect to be working late into the night.

#### 4 Will I be paid?

Yes! You will be paid a market wage.

#### 5 Who is Corcoran French looking for?

We're looking for somebody who is committed to the values of our firm and the work we do. Check out our website for more details about us and the areas of law we practice.

#### 6 Who will look after me during my summer clerkship?

We have buddies in each of our teams who will look after you on a day to day basis. Your buddy will act as your mentor while in their team and they will be able to answer all the questions that you have and give you guidance on a day to day basis. Our buddies are young lawyers who are relatable, and who remember their summer clerk days well!

#### 7 What dates will my summer clerkship begin and end?

We are flexible about this and can work around you. We anticipate mid-November to mid-February with around three weeks off during the Christmas break. We'll finalise these dates closer to the time and we'll even pay you during the Christmas break so that you can relax and enjoy your summer holiday!

#### 8 What is the application process and how do I apply?

Our applications open on Friday 1 March 2024 and close at 5pm on Thursday 28 March 2024. We plan to interview in late April, early May and offers will be made shortly after.

Email your CV, academic transcript and covering letter to: Jo Yusaf, HR Manager at [jo@cfllaw.co.nz](mailto:jo@cfllaw.co.nz).

If you have any queries at all just get in touch with Jo.

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## Lucy Roberts

'My Summer Clerk experience at Corcoran French can only be described as top tier. From day one I felt both supported and welcomed into the team.

A unique feature of the Corcoran French programme is the mentor system. During each rotation I was paired with a junior lawyer, enabling me to feel well supported. Additionally, I was able to see and experience what a typical day is like for a junior lawyer. The mentor system provided me with the confidence required to work with staff at all levels of the firm.

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## Nate Wain

'The past three months have flown by but in that time I have been fortunate enough to get to know (and become a part of) the team at Corcoran French. I feel as though I have learnt more in my time here than I have in four years of university, that is testament to the calibre of persons here and to everyone's patience to answer my constant questions. It has been exactly as was described in my interview; a close-knit firm that cares about the staff and the clients. I really think that this programme has been the most constructive way to introduce a law student into the profession.'

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## Hayley Hutchinson

'My time with Corcoran French has provided me with a strong foundation for my future as a lawyer. I gained skills professionally as well as personally that I could not have predicted which will benefit me in different aspects of my life in my continuing study. I am beyond thankful to Corcoran French for putting their faith in me and giving me the opportunity to grow my skills outside of a textbook.'

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## Grace Aislabe

'From the moment I accepted a place with Corcoran French I felt welcomed and supported by the firm. The team provided me with plenty of opportunities to get to know my colleagues in supportive environments so that when my clerkship started I was already comfortable with who I was working with. This continued throughout my clerkship, with opportunities to go to different firm events and join the social netball team.

The Summer Clerk Programme that Corcoran French offers is very unique due to how it exposes you to several different teams and areas of law. This is something that I benefited from. I have always found it difficult to decide exactly what I would like to do in the future, so to be able to experience several different kinds of practice has been invaluable.'



# Summer Clerkship

  
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