

→ Privacy and Cybersecurity Fellowship

Sheppard Mullin's Privacy and Cybersecurity Fellowship Program provides recent law school graduates who are interested in a career in privacy and cybersecurity law or those lawyers interested in shifting career paths with hands-on, client-facing experience in connection with compliance, privacy and cybersecurity litigation and breach response.

Not only is there a dearth of training opportunities in this rapidly expanding space, companies are feeling the direct impact of the lack of experienced talent in the workplace. According to a global study from Enterprise Strategy Group and Information Systems Security Association, "The cybersecurity skills crisis continues to worsen for the fourth year in a row and has impacted nearly three quarters (70 percent) of organizations... The top ramifications of the skills shortage for organizations (or cybersecurity teams) include an increasing workload, unfilled open job requisitions, and an inability to learn or use cybersecurity technologies to their full potential, putting organizations at significant risk."

What to Expect

Fellows will work out of the firm's Chicago office and gain hands-on experience in an AmLaw 50 firm working with and learning from nationally recognized privacy attorneys, including a lawyer who literally "wrote the book" on data breach, and award-winning privacy class action litigation practitioners, on an array of complex privacy and cybersecurity issues for major corporations.

Following the completion of the program in December 2026, fellows will have worked alongside Sheppard Mullin partners and assisted with conducting research, drafting memos and blog posts, preparing presentations, participating in client meetings and engaging in privacy-related client work.

Who Should Apply

The Fellowship is aimed for attorneys who graduated from law school (or will have by June 2025), taken the Illinois Bar Exam (or will have by July 2025) and have a proven interest in a career in privacy and cybersecurity.

It is set to begin in Fall 2025. It will provide recent law school graduates who are interested in a career in privacy and cybersecurity law or those lawyers interested in shifting career paths with hands-on, client-facing experience in connection with compliance, privacy and cybersecurity litigation and breach response.

Application

Cover letter with proven interest in privacy and cybersecurity, resume, and law school transcript are required to apply. To apply, please go to our Current Openings page and the link can be found under Entry Level/Summer Associates.

Application deadline: Friday, January 31, 2025.

Questions

For questions about this program, please email Gwen Gass at ggass@sheppardmullin.com.