Organic Chemistry Technical Specialist/Patent Agent

Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP is a Chicago-based intellectual property law firm having over 85 attorneys, highly qualified patent agents, and technical specialists, all dedicated to providing superior intellectual property counseling. We specialize in prosecution and litigation in all areas of intellectual property law. We litigate nationwide, primarily within the federal court system, and obtain patents and trademark registrations for our clients in the United States and foreign patent and trademark offices.

We are currently seeking a Technical Specialist/Patent Agent for our Chemistry practice group. The right individual will have:

- Strong academic credentials, which should minimally include a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry. Candidates should have at least a 3.0 GPA.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, and exceptional organizational skills.
- Ability to grasp new technical teachings quickly.
- Ability to efficiently review patent and non-patent literature for key concepts.

Responsibilities will include:

- Interviewing inventors to learn about new ideas to be patented. Our clients include some of the world’s largest and most technologically advanced companies.
- Preparing patent applications, which includes drafting technical descriptions describing the inventions.
- Advocating for our clients before the U.S. Patent Trademark Office to seek issuance of a patent. This includes writing claims for the patent application, as well as analyzing patents and other publications relating to chemical inventions.
- Prior legal experience is not required, but registration with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (if not already established) will be expected.
- This position demands that the individual will, under the supervision of senior practitioners, assume significant client responsibilities, provide high-quality services to domestic and foreign clients, communicate with all levels of management and staff and, at times, require a significant degree of autonomy.

Compensation for this position includes an annual salary of $80,000 +, along with customary benefits and opportunities to earn significant bonuses. Customary benefits include:

- Group Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Employee and Dependent Medical Flexible Spending Account
- Pre-Tax Transportation Plan
- Short-Term Disability Program
- Long-Term Disability Insurance
- 401(K), Profit Sharing and Vesting
- Employee Assistance Program
- Moving Expenses
- Registration Fees and Related Expenses
- Continuing Legal Education
- Holiday and Paid Time Off
- Bonuses

In addition to our generous benefits package, Marshall, Gerstein & Borun offers a business-casual atmosphere and provides ample opportunity for socialization between our colleagues at monthly breakfasts, special-occasion luncheons, and out-of-office functions throughout the year. Patent Agents and Technical Specialists are also provided a generously sized private office and a culture that offers great work-life balance.

Qualified individuals interested in this position should forward a resume, transcripts and writing samples to Ms. Michele J. Gudaitis (mgudaitis@marshallip.com).