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Have you thought about patent administration?

Did you recently finish your Master's degree and are now thinking about what your next step should be? Why not become a Patent Administrator? Intellectual Property is an area unknown to many, but once you dive in, you will discover great new challenges in a system filled with rules and articles governing the processing of patent applications and giving innovation and inventiveness the best possibilities to grow.

Patent administration is the job for you if you like structure and order and can't help paying attention to detail. We operate in a complicated area where most actions are controlled by deadlines – and where missing a deadline can be crucial for our clients. Needless to say, it is therefore very important that all data in our case management system are entered correctly and that no detail is missed. That is one of your many responsibilities. And if you are not afraid to take on responsibility, you will soon find yourself in a position with a great deal of independence and many interesting tasks coming your way.

As a Patent Administrator you also have excellent opportunities to use your communications skills since you will be communicating with clients, associates and authorities throughout the world. It is your responsibility to provide excellent service to our clients. Our clients are our most significant asset, and though our most important job is to solve their IP problems, it is just as important that they feel safe and well-informed. This means that our communication not only has to be correct and accurate, but also professional and client-friendly. So every time you write an email or a letter, you must consider the needs and knowledge level of the recipient and adapt your communication style and contents to that.

What is really great about being a Patent Administrator is that it is not a regular administrative job. It is a job that requires thorough knowledge about the patent system, and it is not a job you learn to do within the first month or even the first year. The learning curve is steep and challenging, and at times you feel that you will never get there. But you do. Aside from thorough training from your colleagues and, to some extent, learning by doing, you will take courses specialising in Danish, European and international patent legislation, leading to the title Qualified Intellectual Property Administrator. But the best part is, once you pass the final exam, you are nowhere near done. With the complexity of the patent world and the ever-changing rules and regulations, you will never be able to say 'I've seen it all', because there will always be new problems or scenarios that need to be solved.

And don't forget that while doing your job, you get a unique sneak peek into the future because we often hear about new, ground-breaking inventions before the rest of the world.



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