



# A taste of the GQ experience — GQ Summer Law Clerkship



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We are always keen to nurture new talent and are pleased to be able to offer Summer Law Clerk roles each year.

An ideal stepping stone to a permanent role at GQ, the Summer Law Clerk is a great way to explore areas of law that interest you, and to get to know the GQ Crew and some of our clients.

Ideally, you should already have completed your third year studying Law and be available for a period of 1-3 months, starting in December. You will have the opportunity to work within a dynamic, forward-thinking team, carrying out research and supporting lawyers in their day-to-day work.



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## Embody Excellence

We strive to deliver the best advice, service and experience by embracing excellence in all we do.

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## Build Trust

We value trust, honesty and expertise, and are committed to acting in the best interests of our clients.

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## Champion Innovation

As a forward-thinking and future-focused firm, we encourage innovation and progression in order to deliver the best service.

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## Relationships First

We value community, connection, care and contribution, and strive to nurture authentic relationships.

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## Live and Work Well

We value trust, honesty and expertise, and are committed to acting in the best interests of our clients.

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“I feel incredibly fortunate to have spent the summer with GQ. Being involved with matters from beginning to end has given me real insight into the everyday work of a lawyer. My highlights include observing a Judicial Settlement Conference in the High Court and attending client meetings. Everyone in the firm has been so welcoming, and it has truly been such a privilege to gain my first legal experiences in such a supportive environment.”

– Eve, Summer Law Clerk 2025-26

“My summer clerkship at GQ was a very memorable one. I loved being given interesting work such as attending multiple mediations and hearings, and interacting with legitimate clients. Talking to friends who had interned at larger firms really showed me that the exposure and responsibility provided by GQ is second to none.”

– Callum, Summer Law Clerk 2024-25



# Be part of the GQ Crew

As a Summer Law Clerk at GQ, you will be provided with the opportunity to:

- Work within one (or more) of our legal teams under the supervision of a buddy and supervising partner
- Contribute through participation in a variety of real work for real clients
- Immerse yourself in firm culture and be part of the action, from Christmas parties and sporting events to client functions and team challenges
- Access GQ's legal resources and research tools
- Showcase your development and work over the summer through our social media and marketing platforms, led by our marketing team
- Establish valuable relationships that will be critical for your future legal career

“A summer clerkship at Govett Quilliam is one of the most amazing opportunities for law students looking for experience. The one on one exposure to clients and the practical work that GQ provides for you to do not only makes you feel truly valuable but it gives you a better sense of what it's like to be a lawyer.

The team is vibrant and inviting, there's a heavy emphasis on work life balance and a clear commitment to the community. I absolutely loved my time there and I hope to be back sometime in the future.”

– Nikita, Summer Law Clerk 2022-23



# Summer in Taranaki

GQ operates from quite possibly the best little corner of the world with stunning beaches, world-class surf breaks, art trails, festivals, humming eateries and of course, our mighty maunga — all on our office doorstep.

With three offices around the maunga, we have Taranaki (and beyond) covered.



Need help finding accommodation?

If you're searching for a flat for the summer, we're here to help! With plenty of young professionals in our firm, we're well-connected and happy to spread the word. Let us know, and we'll do what we can to assist you in finding your home base for summer.



# Next Steps

If you are interested in a Summer Law Clerk position for the upcoming summer, please send your CV, Cover Letter and Academic Transcript to **Kirsten Dawson** in our Recruitment Team ([kirsten.dawson@gqlaw.nz](mailto:kirsten.dawson@gqlaw.nz)).

Applications remain open until 1 April each year for the upcoming summer season.



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