

## **TRIMAS**

**OFFICE LOCATION:** Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

### **ABOUT TRIMAS:**

We are a diversified manufacturer of engineered products that serve a variety of industrial, commercial and consumer end markets worldwide. Our family of businesses provides customers with innovative product solutions under well-recognized brands and has leadership positions in the niche markets they serve. TriMas has approximately 4,000 employees in 13 countries and is headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. TriMas shares are listed on NASDAQ under the ticker symbol TRS. Our main segments include Energy, Aerospace, Packaging, and Engineered Components.

### **ABOUT THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT:**

TriMas has a small legal department consisting of three attorneys (the General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel and Associate General Counsel), two paralegals, and one administrative assistant. Consequently, we're very busy. The business units are supported mainly by one attorney, who serves as the "relationship partner". The work is heavy in commercial/transactional legal issues- drafting and negotiating large contracts with customers and suppliers, negotiating confidentiality agreements, managing litigation and commercial disputes, M&A work, etc.

### **WORK AN EXTERN MAY DO:**

The Extern works under the guidance of the Associate General Counsel. Externs may work on:

- Summarizing and uploading commercial contracts into the contract database
- Assist by reviewing and revising agreements such as confidentiality agreements, supplier terms and conditions, supply agreements and a wide variety of other commercial agreements.
- There are a lot of "hands-on" drafting opportunities. The Extern will have the opportunity to observe and participate in contract negotiations, legal staff meetings and other meetings.
- We also set up regular meetings with the Externs and executives from other corporate functions, such as Corporate Development, Finance, HR and IT. This gives the Externs a chance to learn about other vital areas of a corporation, and understand how the legal department interacts with other functions. The feedback on this program has been overwhelmingly positive.