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## Student Edition

**Inside Story:** 2008-2010 Summer Associates at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP express their enthusiasm for the firm.

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### The Summer Associates Survey Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP

**Q: How would you describe this firm to other law school students?**

### Summer Associates' Comments 2008-2010



- Relaxed. Interesting people. They treat you well.
- The lawyers at Cahill have zero-ego and are all about getting stuff done.
- Very little formal structure – but in a good way. Laid-back, unpretentious atmosphere.
- Good people, interesting work, and real responsibility.
- Smaller-sized firm, though considered a big firm - has a community feel where everyone knows each other, yet retains the same clients as firms with more attorneys. Work hard/play hard mentality.
- A great place to work with very smart and down-to-earth people.
- A great place to work. The attorneys are intelligent and interesting, and made the summer a wonderful experience.
- The firm is relatively small and highly specialized in some areas. Everyone is an expert and extremely proficient in their practice area.

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- A firm that does great work for front-page clients and allows you the ability to shape your own practice. The Firm recruits “good” people, which makes it a great place to work - you won’t find any snobby, stuck-up partners or associates.
- It’s a firm that appreciates people with a spark of uniqueness, with a bit of character. A veteran firm that knows what it’s doing in the law business and does it very well.
- For a big law firm, Cahill is extremely laid back. The partners and associates genuinely seem to love the firm and the work they are involved in. Everyone here is enthusiastic, friendly, and passionate about their work. People work hard, but the environment is not stress-ridden.

■ This is a great place to work. The attorneys here are some of the best and most intelligent in their respective practice areas. The work the firm gets is highly important for its clients and interesting to work on. Everyone here works hard and works long hours, but no different than any other big firm in New York. I think that the big difference here is the people. They are pleasurable to be around and to work with.

■ Meritocracy.

■ Great opportunity to get a chance to do a lot of real work.

■ Cahill is a very professional firm that also has a relaxed and friendly office environment. From my experience, many of the associates willingly gave advice and acted as mentors to me during the summer. Finally, the firm does really interesting, sophisticated work.

■ Both the associates and partners are extremely intelligent and hard-working, yet surprisingly laid back and down-to-earth. Everyone, including the most senior partners, is very accessible.

■ Enjoyable place to work, with interesting assignments.

■ I would say that it’s a lot of work but that the lawyers you work with are very helpful and you learn a lot in a short period of time. The free market system has its advantages but it has its disadvantages as well.

■ Outstanding. The partners and associates are at the top of their game, friendly, and eager to train. The work is real, the responsibility humbling, and the training unsurpassed. Expect to work very hard - but to have an extremely rewarding and maturing experience.

■ Well-rounded.

■ Easygoing, full of independents.

■ This is the firm you go to if you want to do significant and important legal work, but with people who are down-to-earth and real.

■ A mid-sized firm doing top level work. A place where you can be more than a number, but you still don’t know everyone. Challenge by choice.

■ More laid back than other firms, more flexible in giving people options that fit their lives (part-time for parents, extended leaves for family illnesses, etc.)

■ Laidback law firm relatively.

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- I would tell that this really is a special place to be. For the quality of work they do and the stress of the various huge transactions that they are involved with, everyone is very easy going and really friendly. From the partners down to the associates, there are no jerks here.
- Very independent-minded and unique in its general, no practice group mentality. It rewards people who are proactive and are able to form good relationships with their co-workers and superiors, as they will get better opportunities to do meaningful work.
- People at other big firms are envious of how close our summer class is and of our overall experience in comparison.

- Great firm. People seem genuinely nice and the practice groups are very strong.
- Nice people, unpretentious, good work.
- There is a considerable degree of discretion in choosing your own career path because you are not formally assigned to a practice group. The firm's corporate, internal investigations, and first amendment practices are excellent.
- Partners and high-level associates are very intellectual, great at their practice.
- Down-to-earth people, relatively relaxed environment for a NY firm and firm works on major deals.
- The firm does very high-profile work. Therefore, the quality of the work can't be beat. Everyone working at Cahill is extremely nice and level-headed.
- Overall a great place to work with a good atmosphere.

In the past three years, Cahill has had **99** summer associates.

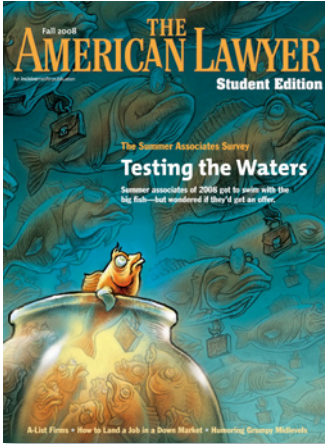
**98** received offers.

**94** accepted their offers.

**2 offers remain outstanding, pending public service.**

**2 declined their offers, choosing public service or a non-New York position.**

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- The firm has a relaxed atmosphere; there doesn't seem to be a need for face-time. The practice groups (there are no formal practice groups) are few but you can work in all of them at once if you choose. Generally, people seem to like each other. Not a bad place to work.
- A very collegial atmosphere where people work hard, but build relationships and have fun.
- A large firm with a realistic work philosophy and a stellar reputation where your independence is respected and encouraged.

■ Be ready to work from day one without having your hand held. The lack of structure to the assignment process and the minimal structure generally of the firm allows you to work at your own pace. Cahill is definitely not a factory where you start in a practice group and sit there, getting assignments from an Assigning Partner - which Cahill does not have. Everyone here is treated like an adult. I have worked on projects this summer that I didn't think I'd even get as a 5th year associate.

■ Even very busy senior associates would make it a priority to answer questions, even those unrelated to an assignment. My partner liaison made it a priority to include me on all the communications in deals he was working on just to let me start to assimilate the details of corporate law.

■ Great place to build your own practice, work hard and enjoy some independence within a firm structure.

■ On my first day this summer, an associate stopped into my office and said "You probably don't realize it yet, but this really is the best law firm to work at." As the summer has progressed, and I've been exposed to the firm's laid back atmosphere, the quality of work that comes into the firm, and the overall fun and pleasant demeanor of the associates and partners, it's been very easy to see that the associate was right.

■ I cannot say enough good things about this firm - it is an excellent place to work!

■ Work hard / play hard.

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