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## Inside Story: 2013 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?

#### 2013 Summer Associates' Comments

- Excellent firm with people that are great to work with. The firm has a top-notch corporate practice and has strong relationships with all of the major investment banks. The litigation group has a great reputation for their First Amendment and securities work and also handles a lot of really interesting investigation cases.
- Laid back yet entrepreneurial. Busy and quick-paced. Most importantly, the firm approaches the work very practically. It is as close to being a partner to its clients as possible, rather than merely an advisor or counselor.
- Cahill is a place where you are given the freedom to determine your own path. You are able to decide what types of matters you work on, and given the opportunity to seek out matters that interest you and work with the people you want to work with. As a full-time associate, it appears that you work very hard, but the firm appreciates your hard work and lets you know through their treatment and compensation.
- Great place to work; attorneys are wonderful, assignments are real, and a lot of freedom to pursue what interests you.
- Cahill is an amazing place to work with great people and very interesting assignments. It completely met and surpassed my expectations.
- A go-getter type of firm. Under the free-market system, you really take your career in your hands and you mold it in whichever way you prefer. If you desire to do litigation work, you can. If you desire to do corporate work, you can. You are expected to reach out for the kinds of assignments you want, and be ready for a lot of responsibility. There are many bright people here, and as long as you show them you can manage the work and turn in quality assignments, you will be rewarded with even more interesting work.
- An extremely well-managed shop that leverages its strengths.
- Cahill is extremely well respected in the world of leveraged finance. If you are interested in corporate practice or securities litigation, this is a great place to be. The firm expects dedicated associates, but is clearly dedicated to providing for the associates in return. The collegial environment at the firm is a reflection of that interplay.
- It is the perfect balance of intellectual stimulation and enjoyable working environment. Of course big law has long hours and a busy work load, but the attorneys at Cahill are collaborative and enjoy what they are doing. The free-market system fosters this type of environment and allows for an attorney to shape his/her career path.
- Great place to work. We can tell the associates and partners work hard, but they are kind and they like to teach.
- Great atmosphere, hard-working. Big-firm resources and clients with a small-firm feel.
- Different than most large law firms.
- Very generous.
- Cahill is a firm that values and fosters independence and initiative. The people are fun, outgoing, and willing to take time to get to know you.
- Collegial, down-to-earth, and real. They don't try to hide anything here.

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**2013 Summer Associates' Comments**

- A place that knows what it is great at, focuses on that, works very very hard to provide the best work for its clients but, at the end of the day, really tries to create an environment where people like one another.
- Not one to baby sit its associates.
- This firm is how it comes across in call-back interviews. The people here are down to earth. People expect you to be smart and hardworking, which makes for a great atmosphere.
- The work is interesting and the people are friendly. The free-market system gives you the ability to shape your own career. Great place to work.
- A great place to summer and to start a career.
- A place where you can shape your own career path due to the firm's free-market assigning system.
- The people at Cahill are the best of the best from law schools in regard to both personality and intellect.
- A great place to work.
- Cahill is a firm made up of hard-working, talented, and friendly individuals. A place where one hopes to start and end their career.
- An amazing law firm to work at where people are unpretentious, friendly, extremely hard-working, smart and willing to help and give advice.
- Great place to work.
- Cahill is a firm where the attorneys take their jobs seriously and work long hours, but still maintain a good attitude/sense of humor. The firm is full of attorneys who are down-to-earth and always looking to have a good time. When it comes to working, people are serious and focused on doing their job well.
- Down to earth; hard-working; fair.
- Amazing.
- Straight-forward with honest, hard-working people.
- Cahill is a top class firm, that does high-level work for major clients without being a gigantic law firm. Its smaller size allows for a tighter community feeling within the office.
- Cahill allows you to be yourself. The free-market system allows you to take on almost any kind of work the firm has, so you can experiment in different practice areas. Everyone at Cahill is incredibly bright and hard-working, but they are also real people that I enjoy spending time with. People here have hobbies, humor, and seem to have a work-life balance despite the hours. You do not feel pressured here to be anyone but yourself (maybe slightly censored), and I interact with my coworkers much like friends.
- Very friendly - values individuality.
- Everyone is willing to help each other and it makes you want to pull your own weight as far as your work load. The firm is very busy, so there is more than enough work to go around. Although it is big law, so far, it doesn't feel like it will be the stereotypical big law experience.
- Cahill is a wonderful place to summer. All the associates and partners are willing and eager to provide guidance and, if you seek it out, you can get substantive assignments.
- Cahill is a fantastic place to work. The partners and associates work well together, and they are honest about the type of work a first year associate can expect. That being said, you will have a blast if you summer at Cahill.