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Inside Story: 2015 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

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

2015 Summer Associates' Comments

- Collegial, hard-working, independent and relaxed.
- Cahill is a great firm with a great culture. People work very hard, but everyone seems down to earth and pleasant to be around. The free market system is great because it means that you have the ability to seek out the type of work you want and the people with whom you would like to work. It's a pretty hands-off place where people treat you like an adult and trust you manage things on your own.
- Ideal for anyone wanting to work with top lawyers.
- I would emphasize the free market system. It allows associates to try many different areas of law and remain a generalist for a longer period of time.
- The lawyers are laid-back but hardworking people. It is a hands-off place, but easy to find help and/or work if you need it. The firm is very profitable and pays its associates well.
- Best combination of work hard and play hard situated in a supportive, laid-back environment.
- Great firm if you are willing to work hard.
- Absolutely the best firm/community to be a part of - my summer experience at Cahill has truly exceeded my expectations in every facet. The helpful & friendly people, the early opportunity for substantive work, and also the autonomy/flexibility afforded to its associates by the free market system help cultivate a team-oriented work environment like no other.
- Cahill is a great place to work. It's just the right size and is focused on fewer practice areas but it excels at all of them.
- Fantastic. Great relationships with attorneys and other summer associates. I really enjoyed the work.
- They pick out great people and are very loyal to their employees.
- This firm is exactly what it sells itself to be. It is a lot of hardworking, interesting people who expect you to work hard. In return, we have the chance to work on a number of interesting cases in a wide range of areas. The firm is clearly respected by all of its clients, and a number have stuck with Cahill for generations. The firm prides itself on being small and local, but just as good as the better known powerhouses.
- A firm full of very hardworking individuals who are down to earth and like to have fun.
- The people are patient and understanding and fun to get to know.

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- Very friendly and relaxed atmosphere that allows you to slowly adjust to big law while making a genuine contribution in important matters.
- Relaxed, filled with brilliant associates and partners, interesting work, collegial atmosphere.
- A lot of responsibility, substantive work.
- Amazing. Unbelievable partners. No one is cutthroat or out to get anyone or screw anyone over. Very collegial, tight-knit place.
- Nice place to work. Nice people. Good money.
- Cahill is an incredible law firm to work for because it dominates the leveraged finance market, is very strong in other practice areas, offers market-beating compensation, but, at the same time, maintains a serious commitment to its more personable/social culture. It's truly a unique place.
- Very down to earth and not snobby. The firm is all about doing good work and making money ~ there is no BS unlike other firms.
- Cahill, from my limited 10-week experience, seems like a truly collegial place where hard work is rewarded.
- I believe Cahill is like a NESCAC school (New England Small College Athletic Conference). These schools are also known as the "little ivies." We compete with the "big boys" but are a manageable size.
- Big law with a strong transactional practice and down to earth, friendly associates and partners.
- It is a collegial environment and pays well with above market bonuses. The bread and butter of the firm (leveraged finance practice) controls/leads the market and is intellectually stimulating. The firm is lacking in diversity, however, it is certainly a place in which a minority would feel comfortable establishing a career.
- Great place to work, nice people, challenging and interesting work.
- A nice mix of a big law firm/environment with large-scale cases and clients, but at the same time with the feel of a midsized firm.
- Simply a great place to work, both in terms of business and culture. The firm has several nationally-ranked practice areas that are complemented with a friendly, welcoming culture.
- Hardworking but fun and casual.
- The people are very supportive, funny, outgoing, friendly, and social. The free market system enables associates to manage their own schedule and so people seem overall very happy with the kinds of work they are doing (because they picked it) and low stress (because people do not need to take on more assignments than they can handle at once).
- Cahill is an amazing firm to work at. Everyone is actually fun, and I enjoy coming to work everyday. If you are going to do biglaw and work hard, then you might as well work with people you enjoy. Cahill truly supports and cares about their employees.