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Inside Story: 2017 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?

2017 Summer Associates' Comments

- Cahill is a work hard/play hard firm. We are number one in many core practices and it shows. The level of responsibility you'll receive as a summer and as a first year far exceeds that of Cahill's competitors.
- I would describe Cahill as a firm where every door seems to be open to the summer associates and young associates. There is tremendous flexibility and opportunity, and throughout the summer we were given the chance to try different types of work.
- A great place to work, in terms of the subject matter we deal with and the people generally.
- A place where you can be noticed if you work hard.
- An awesome place to work. The people are the best and the work is top-notch.
- Cahill is an amazing firm with amazing people. Everyone is very happy and always willing to help and guide you.
- Cahill is an amazing place to work, where associates (and summers) are given responsibility early on, and the opportunity to work on very challenging and interesting legal matters. Along with that, it's a great place to work with a fun, low-key vibe.
- Cahill is for independent, self-driven people who do not need their hands held and have a desire to seek out assignments that they are interested in without being told what to do. There is a good balance between figuring out how to do things on your own and receiving guidance.
- Competitive but down-to-earth.
- Corporate focus with very well-known clients. No-frills atmosphere; the attention is definitely centered around the work that they do. Firm feels like it has its own identity. A great place if you want to do capital markets.
- I would describe Cahill as a friendly, social environment with interesting work and highly intelligent lawyers.

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- I would describe this firm as down-to-earth, genuine, and transparent. You don't have to worry about politics here. At Cahill, what matters is the work you do and the way you treat people. Cahill is a friendly firm that celebrates people's differences, which is why the firm's open-market system is a dream! Instead of forcing you to work on certain assignments, the firm allows you to pick your own practice area. The partners care about each other and the associates. There is a lot of firm pride here because the associates are genuine friends.
- It is a "Wall Street" law firm that is the best at what it does: capital markets and leveraged finance. Everyone is extremely down-to-earth and I don't feel an uncomfortable stuffy vibe that I felt when interviewing at more old-school "white-shoe" firms.
- It's a top-tier Biglaw firm with incredible work and opportunities for early experience that has the feel of a small firm. It is a close-knit group where I already feel like I've gotten to know so many people in a short period of time. It has all the benefits of a large firm in terms of the work, but also doesn't have the negatives of a place where you don't really get to know anyone.
- The best summer of my life.
- Market leader in what it does.
- No micro management, very chill.
- Opportunities are what you make of them. If you sit and wait, the work that comes to you may not be the things you are interested in. If you know the field you are interested in, you can pursue the work and partners and associates will help you find things you like to do.
- The firm cultivates an environment where everyone's ideas and hard work are recognized and appreciated. Partners genuinely care about the career development of the associates and take an active role in exposing them to as many learning experiences as possible. The free market system enables everyone to produce their best work because they are personally interested and invested in their cases.
- The firm gives you a lot of freedom in how you want your summer experience to go. There is no rotation system, so you decide what practice areas you want to try and what kinds of assignments you want to work on. The partner and associate mentors are there to help you achieve your goals.
- They provide you the opportunity to figure out what you want to do as a lawyer.
- Very friendly and very focused. Everyone is willing to help one another, and the emphasis is on doing the best possible work, rather than going to the flashiest events or having the nicest office space in town. It is on the smaller side, so everyone generally knows and likes each other.
- A great place if you're interested in corporate work.
- While the client base affirms that Cahill is a Wall Street firm through and through, the character of the firm defies the stereotype. Smaller than its competitors, Cahill successfully sustains a culture of collegiality that permeates into all aspects of firm life. With a significant number of eccentric partners, Cahill attracts surprisingly diverse personalities. This creates a fun, unconventional, and decidedly intimate atmosphere.