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“The quality of their legal team—expertise, talent, responsiveness—is unmatched by any other firm on a global basis.”

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16
offices

171
partners

1,100
lawyers from
more than
50 countries

65
languages
spoken

100K
pro bono
hours

48
“top-tier” practice
and lawyer rankings
in *Chambers Global*

Cleary Gottlieb is a pioneer in globalizing the legal profession.

Since 1946 our lawyers and staff have worked across practices, industries, jurisdictions, and continents to provide clients with simple, actionable approaches to their most complex legal and business challenges, whether domestic or international. We support every client relationship with intellectual agility, commercial acumen, and a human touch.

Who We Are. We have offices located in 16 major financial and political centers around the world, but we are a single, integrated firm. This “one firm” approach means we can better collaborate and deliver all our resources to all our clients, wherever they may be.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

We place a premium on leveraging the unique perspectives of individuals with a range of backgrounds, beliefs, and life experiences. The wide-ranging diversity of people and viewpoints makes Cleary an open and exciting place to work.

Groundbreaking Work. For more than 75 years, clients around the world have entrusted us to seamlessly handle their

most challenging assignments, from large corporate transactions to cases of first impression. Our work is rarely easy, but our lawyers get the opportunity to work on high-profile cases and innovative deals—where the stakes are high and each lawyer’s talents can make a difference.

Culture. Our firm is arranged around an informal structure that is democratic and participatory. As your practice evolves and your interests expand, your career path will grow in tandem.

Professional Development. Cleary is a firm where lawyers at all levels talk to each other frequently and freely, so working and training go hand-in-hand.

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Working in Brussels

Cleary Gottlieb's Brussels office was established in 1960 as a direct consequence of the close relationship between French political and economic adviser Jean Monnet and former U.S. Under-Secretary of State, George Ball, one of the firm's founding partners and legal advisor to Monnet on the implementation of the Marshall Plan and the drafting of the Treaties of the European Communities. Today, the office has approximately 100 lawyers, who hail from more than 25 countries and are qualified in most EU member states. Our core capabilities include antitrust, corporate, litigation, international trade, and regulatory work.

Our Brussels office has an internationally acclaimed antitrust law practice, treating issues such as merger control, cartel investigations, abuse of dominant market positions, and state aid. We regularly represent clients in proceedings before the European Commission and national antitrust authorities. The corporate practice spans all areas of national and international corporate law, including mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, private equity, banking and finance, financial regulatory, and corporate governance.

Whether you join us as a summer associate, stagiaire, or associate, you are sure to enjoy the vibrant atmosphere and international scene at the heart of Europe.

Our Summer Associate Program

Each year, we offer a limited number of students (usually in their last or penultimate year of law school, depending on their country of education) the opportunity to spend a month in our office during the summer period. The Summer Associate Program aims to provide students with practical insight into life as a Cleary Gottlieb lawyer.

Our objective throughout is to involve participants directly in client work. In addition to providing hands-on experience, the scheme incorporates a series of training sessions designed to ensure exposure to the full range of work that we undertake in Brussels. We also organize a number of social events to help our students get to know our partners, associates, and trainees outside of the office.

Our Stagiaire Program

The stagiaire program has a limited duration of one year and is open to qualified or non-qualified lawyers. The program's aim is to give the stagiaire a chance to work with and get to know us—and vice versa—with a view to obtaining a permanent position as an associate of the firm. It offers a unique opportunity to graduate students to gain solid working experience before pursuing an LL.M.

Our stagiaires work closely with our lawyers on ongoing matters, in order to give them the best possible insight into our corporate and antitrust practices. Our stagiaires often work in diverse teams, with lawyers of more than 25 different nationalities working in our office. Stagiaires thus experience the high-profile work, international environment, and open and collegial atmosphere that constitute the unique features of Cleary Gottlieb.

“The Cleary Gottlieb team differentiates itself through both its precision in legal matters, as well as its judgement and advice to the client... The team is able to seamlessly connect with and draw upon its international network.”

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“Joining Cleary means being thrown straight into the action. From day one, you are treated like a core member of the practice and get to play a full role in the firm’s high-profile work. The rewards of the associate experience—both from a professional and personal perspective—are priceless.”

Jean-Sébastien Rombouts, Associate

“One of my favorite elements of life as an associate at Cleary in Brussels is the international outlook which permeates throughout Cleary’s offices. Upon joining Cleary’s antitrust practice, I quickly discovered that the firm’s wider international network translates into a huge range of multijurisdictional work, as well as a vibrant and culturally diverse environment. Being able to discuss legal issues and brainstorm with lawyers around the world is incredibly rewarding.”

Deniz Sezis, Associate



“Cleary’s distinguished international work culture stands out most to me. Every matter comes with complex multijurisdictional challenges and your team always includes some of the most remarkable experts from around the world. The antitrust practice in Brussels particularly reflects this diversity, giving you the opportunity to work on high-profile deals with colleagues worldwide out of the EU’s capital.”

Martin Wagner, Associate

“What struck me the most upon starting at Cleary was the collegiality and international environment of the firm. From my very first day, I have been involved in complex high-profile cases involving a wide number of jurisdictions, within an incredibly diverse team, which makes the day-to-day work truly fascinating. Being able to exchange ideas with and learn from bright and passionate lawyers makes my experience at Cleary extremely rewarding.”

Alix Anciaux, Stagiaire



Interested in a Career at Cleary Gottlieb?

Our Brussels office is always seeking candidates who want to become outstanding lawyers and be involved in cutting-edge legal matters.

While our search for candidates is broad, our focus is narrow: hiring lawyers who thrive in a firm that emphasizes excellence and collegiality. We seek lawyers who are confident in their abilities and creative in their thinking. To find these attributes in a lawyer, we look for academically excellent candidates who are enthusiastic about practicing law in a challenging and dynamic international setting.

Interested candidates should submit a curriculum vitae, cover letter, and full academic transcripts.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

How to Apply

Learn more about our current opportunities and application requirements by visiting our website www.clearygottlieb.com >Careers>Legal>Brussels.

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