

# CLEARY GOTTLIB

“Cleary’s lawyers collaborate very effectively across offices and jurisdictions and are consistently excellent regardless of where they are based.”

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**14**  
offices

**220+**  
partners

**1,100**  
lawyers from  
more than  
50 countries

**65**  
languages  
spoken

**67K**  
pro bono  
hours

**59**  
“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 14 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.

**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.

**Inclusion & Culture.** 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.

**Culture.** Our firm is arranged around an informal structure that is democratic and participatory. Our culture of excellence drives the Firm. We demonstrate our commitment to excellence in many ways: through intellectual agility and innovation, collective engagement and teamwork, and passion for our work.

**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. As your practice evolves and your interests expand, your career path will grow in tandem.

## OUR CLIENTS INCLUDE

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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 tier 1 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 and non-qualified lawyers. The aim of this program is to offer the stagiaire an opportunity 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 provides a unique opportunity to graduate students without an English language LL.M. to gain solid experience, while working in diverse teams, with lawyers of more than 25 different nationalities.

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.

## Associate Position

The Brussels office is seeking outstanding lawyers holding an English language LL.M. or with at least 2-year relevant experience in law who want to be involved in cutting-edge legal matters. New associates work in teams with more experienced lawyers from Brussels and other offices. We rely on our lawyers at all levels of seniority to collectively create the best client work product. From the beginning, our associates are part of a collaborative endeavor and are expected to solve problems, not just take directions. They are immediately given substantive assignments and significant responsibility.

**“I was impressed by the depth of quality and expertise that the firm has. They prioritize what is important for us and always have their eyes on the bigger picture.”**

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“Thanks to the trust our clients place in Cleary Gottlieb, I’ve had the opportunity to work with clients on some of their most significant and transformative matters. Such high-profile exposure greatly accelerated the development of both my legal and interpersonal skills. All of this takes place within a truly international and collegial environment, where intellectually challenging work goes hand in hand with genuine camaraderie.”

Kasper Theunissen, Associate

“The international mindset of the firm is what makes Cleary truly unique. This translates into the truly multi-jurisdictional work that we are involved in across offices as associates, but also in our ability to tackle complex legal issues with a unique and diverse perspective as a team. It is invaluable to be part of the firm’s culture of collegiality in which we can learn from and work with bright and passionate lawyers.”

Alix Anciaux, Associate



“Working on high-profile cases in an intellectually stimulating environment surrounded by brilliant, passionate and collegial lawyers is how I would describe my first year at Cleary. Via a structured five year curriculum you will acquire the full spectrum of skills essential to excel as a brilliant lawyer. Through my daily work as a first year lawyer I found myself nearing that goal faster than I anticipated, as even junior lawyers at Cleary are not just a part of the team, but treated from day one as equal contributors whose input is highly valued.”

Rith Tshimanga, Associate

“‘What do you think?’ This sentence sums up your first year at Cleary. From day one, some of the world’s leading competition experts ask for your input while taking the time to teach, mentor, and foster a culture of collegiality, community, and excellence. Joining Cleary straight out of university is more than just landing your first job, it’s a silver bullet for any student passionate about the practice of competition and European law.”

Pablo González-Casín, 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](http://www.clearygottlieb.com) >Careers>Legal>Brussels.

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**“Beyond their competence, responsiveness, and global coverage, Cleary is also a thoughtful place; the lawyers are very easy to work with and get things done in a productive fashion.”**

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