

Cleary Interview Program (CIP)

Cleary Gottlieb is pleased to solicit applications for our Summer Associate positions in the New York, Palo Alto, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C., offices through the Cleary Interview Program (CIP).

As a summer associate at Cleary Gottlieb, you will have a unique, immersive experience while working on a diverse and exciting range of matters, including innovative deals, large corporate transactions, and high-profile litigation matters. You will have the opportunity to collaborate with our lawyers, create meaningful relationships with colleagues, and be part of our elite and international practice.

Candidates who are interested in applying to work in one or more of Cleary's U.S. offices should submit an application through our Cleary Interview Program (CIP) online portal.

Cleary Gottlieb Summer Associate Application Processes

Please choose **one option** below to apply.

1L + 2L DUAL SUMMER EXPERIENCE

2026 and 2027 Summer Programs

- Cleary's Dual Summer Experience will consist of:
 - **1L Summer Program Experience (2026):**
1L summer associates will have a unique opportunity to work with one or more of the following practice groups: Antitrust, Corporate, ERISA, IP Litigation, LatAm, Litigation, and/or Tax.
 - **2L Summer Program Experience (2027):**
Summer associates may request assignments from among all of our practice groups and can try their hand at a wide variety of work. 2L summer associates also have the opportunity to participate in a client internship, pro bono secondment or overseas rotation.
- Candidates should have an anticipated graduation date of spring 2028 and must be able to participate in Cleary's 2026 and 2027 summer programs for a minimum of 7 consecutive weeks for each summer.*
- Candidates who do not receive an offer for this competitive 1L + 2L Dual Summer Experience will automatically be considered for the 2L Summer Program Experience. Candidates should not reapply for the 2L Summer Program Experience.

2L SUMMER PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

2027 Summer Program

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- 2L summer associates have the opportunity to participate in a client internship or pro bono secondment (minimum 9-week commitment required).
- 2L summer associates have the opportunity to spend four weeks during the summer in one of our overseas offices. Overseas placements are made based on the needs of each overseas office as well as language ability and practice area interest, among other factors (minimum 9-week commitment required).
- Candidates should have an anticipated graduation date of spring 2028 and must be able to participate in Cleary's 2027 summer program for a minimum of 7 consecutive weeks.

PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

The application process is open to all law students, regardless of race, color, citizenship, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, military service, disability, religion, or any other characteristic or condition protected by applicable law.

Candidates must attend an ABA accredited law school.

Candidates will be assessed on the following factors:

- Demonstrated interest in one or more of Cleary's practice areas
- Academic and leadership achievements
- Application

**All offers to return to Cleary as a 2L summer associate through the 1L + 2L Dual Summer Experience are contingent upon successful completion of the 1L summer program.*

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Resume
- Law school transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable and transcript should be provided as a supplement if not available when application is submitted)
- Undergraduate transcript (unofficial copy is acceptable)
- Cover letter that may include, but not limited to, your interest in a legal career at Cleary Gottlieb as well as any practice area interests and/or geographical preferences.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications will be accepted beginning November 14, 2025.
- **Candidates should apply to either the 1L + 2L Dual Summer Experience or the 2L Summer Program Experience. PLEASE DO NOT APPLY TO BOTH PROGRAMS.**
 - Candidates who do not receive an offer for the 1L + 2L Dual Summer Experience will automatically be considered for the 2L Summer Program Experience.
- Applications will be reviewed and considered on a rolling basis and offers will be made on a rolling basis after first semester transcript has been submitted.
- Selected candidates who receive an offer will have 14 days to respond. Extensions will not be granted.

Applications will be accepted starting November 14, 2025 and should be submitted to:

SUBMIT APPLICATION HERE

