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Your Program:

Through collaboration with our teams, formal training, time with our international network, and a combination of virtual and in-person social events that embrace the city, you will uncover what it means to be a Clifford Chance lawyer.

Your success requires careful planning, and we take time at the start of the program to map out every step. Our aim is to make sure you succeed at Clifford Chance and we'll host a number of interactive trainings and presentations to help you get there. We supplement hands-on training with formal training opportunities, including soft skills sessions. At the start of the program, we'll host a two part discussion led by our associates providing tips for navigating life as a summer law clerk, revealing "what they wish they knew" when they were in your shoes. We'll also deliver a training specifically geared to prepare you to work as an international lawyer and our CFO will present a seminar to demystify the business side of running a law firm.

It's important to us that our attorneys have exposure to our vast global network from the very beginning. Pending travel restrictions relating to COVID-19, our 2L summer law clerks have the ability to spend two weeks in one of our foreign offices. This is an unparalleled opportunity that former clerks have described as the highlight of their summer experience and one that will serve them throughout their careers.

The Work:

We believe that the best learning is done on the job, and we also understand that the first two years of law school can only cover so much. We encourage you to use the summer program to try areas of the law you may not have had exposure to in order to find the best fit for you. Since we don't have a fixed rotation, our assignment system provides flexibility to tailor each project based on your interests, and availability. Typical assignments include drafting memos, writing briefs, assisting with closings, and attending client calls and meetings. During the first week of your program, you'll meet individually with your assignment advisor to discuss your interests, background and what you want to accomplish over the next 10 weeks. We take this seriously; it is the responsibility of your advisor, and every lawyer involved in the program, to ensure that these goals are reached and that you have exposure to the work you wish to pursue.

The Process:

We're searching for intelligent, thoughtful and interested candidates with diverse interests, backgrounds and perspectives. Our hiring committee, comprised of partners and associates from a variety of practice groups, is committed to the Clifford Chance culture. This commitment begins now. We look forward to getting to know you, and having you get to know us better as we bring together the next Clifford Chance summer class.

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