

# Two Elite Biglaw Firms Handing Out New COVID Bonuses to Hardworking Staff

“Clifford Chance and Herbert Smith Freehills are paying staff an extra bonus of 5% of their salary for their hard work during the pandemic,” reports James Dennison in *Roll on Friday*.

“‘Over an extraordinary year, and in the face of sometimes immense personal challenges, our people have consistently gone the extra mile to support our clients and to support each other,’ CC’s Global Managing Partner Matthew Layton told RollOnFriday. I could not be prouder of our team here at Clifford Chance.’”

“The Magic Circle firm is giving a one-off payment of 5% of salary to staff worldwide – which is in addition to other salary and bonus reviews, and does not replace them.”

“Earlier this week, Herbert Smith Freehills also announced that it would provide an additional 5% bonus to all staff. CEO Justin D’Agostino said the payment is an acknowledgement of the ‘dedication and hard work’ of staff ‘in the face of the tremendous disruption and challenges experienced in the last year.’”

***Read the announcement.***