

Class of 2017 National Summary Report

	Number Reported	% of Reported	Full-time Long-term Salaries				
			# with Salary	25 th Percentile	Median	75 th Percentile	Mean
● Total Grads Class of 2017: 34,922		● Total Reported to NALP: 34,421					
Gender Reported:	33,500	100.0					
Women	16,605	49.6	9,708	52,000	67,000	150,000	93,533
Men	16,895	50.4	9,670	55,000	70,000	155,000	96,998
Race Reported:	31,478	100.0					
Minority	9,716	30.9	5,061	55,000	71,000	180,000	99,215
Nonminority	21,762	69.1	13,296	53,308	68,000	130,000	92,233
Gender & Race Reported:	31,196	100.0					
Minority Women	5,524	17.7	2,916	52,000	70,000	180,000	97,119
Minority Men	4,082	13.1	2,097	57,000	75,000	180,000	102,444
Non-minority Women	9,946	31.9	6,249	52,000	65,000	125,000	90,494
Non-minority Men	11,644	37.3	6,978	55,000	70,000	132,000	93,726
Employment Status Known:	33,966	100.0					
Bar Passage Reqd/Anticipated	24,378	71.8	17,556	55,000	70,000	160,000	97,813
JD Advantage	4,193	12.3	1,750	50,000	65,000	85,000	74,375
Other Professional	1,110	3.3	369	48,000	65,000	98,500	82,051
Non-professional	399	1.2	43	27,000	40,000	50,000	44,756
Empl–Job Type Unknown	24	0.1	—	—	—	—	—
Continuing Studies FT	531	1.6	—	—	—	—	—
Start date after 3/15/18	282	0.8	—	—	—	—	—
Not employed/seeking	2,606	7.7	—	—	—	—	—
Not employed/not seeking	443	1.3	—	—	—	—	—
Total Employed or Continuing Studies:	30,635	90.2					
Continuing Studies FT	531	1.6	—	—	—	—	—
Employed	30,104	88.6	19,719	54,017	70,000	150,000	95,321
Employment by Sector:	30,062	99.9					
Private Sector	20,569	68.3	13,104	65,000	100,000	180,000	114,831
Public Sector	9,493	31.5	6,611	48,000	55,000	62,591	56,671
Full-time/Part-time Jobs:	30,092	100.0					
Bar Passage Reqd/Anticipated–FT	23,906	79.4	—	—	—	—	—
Bar Passage Reqd/Anticipated–PT	467	1.6	—	—	—	—	—
JD Advantage–FT	3,534	11.7	—	—	—	—	—
JD Advantage–PT	659	2.2	—	—	—	—	—
Other Professional–FT	850	2.8	—	—	—	—	—
Other Professional–PT	258	0.9	—	—	—	—	—
Non-professional–FT	172	0.6	—	—	—	—	—
Non-professional–PT	225	0.7	—	—	—	—	—
Job Type Unknown–FT	4	0.0	—	—	—	—	—
Job Type Unknown–PT	17	0.1	—	—	—	—	—
Employment Categories:	30,104	100.0					
Education	486	1.6	201	45,000	50,000	65,000	58,733
Business	4,179	13.9	1,825	60,000	75,000	100,000	84,500
Judicial Clerk	3,232	10.7	2,687	49,571	56,748	62,000	56,013
Private Practice	16,390	54.4	11,279	65,000	117,000	180,000	119,739
Government	3,614	12.0	2,311	48,000	60,000	66,268	60,361
Public Interest	2,161	7.2	1,412	45,000	50,000	57,000	51,590
Unknown Type	42	0.1	—	—	—	—	—
Education Jobs:	486	100.0					
Bar Passage Reqd/Anticipated	83	17.1	52	45,000	49,000	55,500	52,163
JD Advantage	259	53.3	108	45,850	52,500	65,000	61,838
Other Professional	136	28.0	40	44,500	53,000	70,000	59,386
Non-professional	8	1.6	—	—	—	—	—
Business Jobs:	4,179	100.0					
Bar Passage Reqd/Anticipated	1,107	26.5	607	62,000	75,000	95,000	81,724
JD Advantage	2,075	49.7	991	60,000	75,000	100,000	84,901
Other Professional	644	15.4	195	50,000	77,000	120,000	98,681
Non-professional	347	8.3	32	25,000	31,600	45,000	38,310
Job Type Unknown	6	0.1	—	—	—	—	—
Private Practice Jobs:	16,390	100.0					
Bar Passage Reqd/Anticipated	15,461	94.3	11,116	65,000	120,000	180,000	120,778
JD Advantage	848	5.2	153	35,360	43,680	55,000	49,404
Other Professional	71	0.4	10	24,000	37,500	64,000	41,000
Non-professional	9	0.1	—	—	—	—	—
Job Type Unknown	1	0.0	—	—	—	—	—
Government Jobs:	3,614	100.0					
Bar Passage Reqd/Anticipated	2,700	74.7	1,835	48,312	60,000	65,000	58,580
JD Advantage	682	18.9	362	47,500	59,466	76,000	66,952
Other Professional	209	5.8	105	46,000	62,640	85,875	68,124
Non-professional	20	0.6	9	50,000	62,000	82,000	67,732
Job Type Unknown	3	0.1	—	—	—	—	—

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Judicial Clerkships:	3,232	100.0					
Federal clerkships	1,169	36.2	1,031	60,000	62,046	66,379	63,006
Local clerkships	158	4.9	90	41,282	47,187	50,000	46,956
State clerkships	1,889	58.4	1,558	47,958	50,000	56,300	51,926
Other/unknown clerkships	16	0.5	8	41,250	51,500	62,500	52,725
Public Interest Jobs:	2,161	100.0					
Bar Passage Req'd/Anticipated	1,786	82.6	1,259	45,000	50,000	56,750	51,084
JD Advantage	317	14.7	134	45,000	52,000	65,000	55,638
Other Professional	47	2.2	18	41,000	48,750	60,000	56,980
Non-professional	11	0.5	—	—	—	—	—
Size of Firm: (# of attorneys)	16,390	100.0					
Solo Practitioner	408	2.5	—	—	—	—	—
1-10	5,793	35.3	2,777	50,000	58,000	70,000	60,270
11-25	1,697	10.4	1,082	55,000	67,750	80,000	71,069
26-50	1,001	6.1	683	65,000	78,000	90,000	81,690
51-100	797	4.9	596	73,000	90,000	120,000	99,222
101-250	965	5.9	800	90,000	120,000	155,000	120,666
251-500	1,009	6.2	900	120,000	180,000	180,000	151,795
501+	4,610	28.1	4,399	180,000	180,000	180,000	171,628
Unknown size	110	0.7	—	—	—	—	—
Type of Law Firm Job:	15,951	100.0					
Associate	14,187	88.9	10,476	70,000	120,000	180,000	122,198
Staff Attorney	274	1.7	115	50,000	60,000	85,000	69,839
Law Clerk	1,138	7.1	264	36,000	46,630	60,000	50,932
Paralegal	188	1.2	60	35,180	40,000	50,000	43,673
Patent Agent	9	0.1	—	—	—	—	—
Manager/Administrator	36	0.2	14	42,000	69,500	90,000	77,696
Other Non-Attorney Position	119	0.7	27	40,000	55,000	72,000	57,904
Jobs Taken by Region:	29,942	100.0					
New England	1,462	4.9	937	55,000	72,000	160,000	98,251
Mid-Atlantic	6,172	20.6	4,813	60,000	100,000	180,000	116,703
E North Central	3,467	11.6	2,245	50,000	65,166	115,000	87,654
W North Central	1,567	5.2	1,017	50,000	60,000	80,000	70,441
South Atlantic	6,721	22.4	4,123	50,000	65,000	120,000	87,391
E South Central	1,027	3.4	596	48,000	60,000	75,000	65,151
W South Central	2,883	9.6	1,760	56,000	69,000	100,500	89,147
Mountain	1,752	5.9	986	54,000	60,000	76,024	70,986
Pacific	4,462	14.9	3,010	60,000	80,000	180,000	103,290
US Territories	24	0.1	14	53,000	60,000	62,000	57,156
Foreign	405	1.4	162	50,000	72,000	175,000	98,305
Location of Jobs:	29,942	100.0					
In-State	20,028	66.9	12,790	52,000	66,917	115,000	89,138
Out of State	9,914	33.1	6,873	58,000	78,850	180,000	107,052

Note: Private sector includes jobs in law firms and business. All other jobs are considered public. Jobs with employer type reported as unknown are not included in either sector. Private practice includes 122 jobs with public interest law firms. The total number of graduates, as reported by the ABA, includes schools in Puerto Rico.

Census regions:
New England – CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT
Mid-Atlantic – NJ, NY, PA
E North Central – IL, IN, MI, OH, WI
W North Central – IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD
South Atlantic – DE, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, CS, VA, WV
E South Central – AL, KY, MS, TN
W South Central – AR, LA, OK, TX
Mountain – AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY
Pacific – AK, CA, HI, OR, WA

Class of 2017 National Summary Report Job Characteristics by Employer Type

Employer Type	% Short-term	% Part-time
Education	26.7	26.1
Business	13.6	13.2
Judicial Clerk	2.4	0.4
Private Practice	3.1	4.0
Government	5.7	3.7
Public Interest	8.1	5.8
Total	5.6	5.4

Note: Percentages are based on jobs for which the information was provided and thus the number of jobs for each employer type is less than the number shown on the first page. The unknown employer category is not shown separately but is included in the total. Short-term jobs last less than a year.

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	Number Reported	% of Reported
Source of Job	22,921	100.0
Fall OCI	4,417	19.3
Job fair/consortia	518	2.3
Job posting	3,344	14.6
Job posted online or in print	1,526	6.7
Clerkship application process or OSCAR	855	3.7
Return to Prior Job	1,239	5.4
Referral	3,621	15.8
Start own practice/business	689	3.0
Self-initiated/letter	4,342	18.9
Spring OCI	511	2.2
Temp agency	129	0.6
Other	1,730	7.5
Timing of Job Offer	26,830	100.0
Before Graduation	16,197	60.4
After Graduation	10,633	39.6
Search Status of Employed Grads	23,596	100.0
Seeking a different job	3,582	15.2
Not seeking a different job	20,014	84.8

Note: Figures are based on jobs for which the item was reported, and thus counts do not add to the total number of jobs. Timing of job offer figures exclude graduates starting their own practice.