

Columbia University School of Law
Class of 2015 Summary Report

			Full-time Long-term Salaries				
	Number Reported	% of Reported	# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Total Reported = 413							
Gender Reported:							
Women							
Men							
Subtotal							
Race Reported:							
Minority							
Nonminority							
Subtotal							
Gender & Race Repted:							
Minority Women							
Minority Men							
Nonminority Women							
Nonminority Men							
Subtotal							
Employment Status Known:							
Bar Passage Required	388	93.9	385	160,000	160,000	160,000	137,629
JD Advantage	11	2.7	8	85,000	112,500	137,500	110,000
Other Professional	4	1.0	.	.	.	.	.
Pursuing Degree FT	2	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
Start date after 3/15/16	1	0.2	.	.	.	.	.
Not employed-Seeking	7	1.7	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	413	100.0					
Note: Categories with no graduates reported are not shown. A minimum of five salaries is required for each salary analysis. Employment by sector does not include graduates for whom employer type was not reported.							

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Total Employed or Degree:							
Pursuing Degree FT	2	0.5
Employed	403	97.6	395	160,000	160,000	160,000	136,512
Subtotal	405	98.1					
Employment by Sector							
Private Sector	327	81.1	319	160,000	160,000	160,000	157,288
Public Sector	76	18.9	76	30,000	55,000	62,000	49,304
Subtotal	403	100.0					
FT/PT Jobs:							
Bar Passage Req'd-FT	388	96.3	385	160,000	160,000	160,000	137,629
JD Advantage-FT	10	2.5	8	85,000	112,500	137,500	110,000
JD Advantage-PT	1	0.2	.	.	.	.	.
Other Professional-FT	3	0.7	.	.	.	.	.
Other Professional-PT	1	0.2	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	403	100.0					
Employment Categories:							
Academic	1	0.2	.	.	.	.	.
Business	14	3.5	9	85,000	100,000	125,000	110,000
Judicial Clerk	27	6.7	27	52,332	62,000	65,000	58,727
Private Practice	313	77.7	310	160,000	160,000	160,000	158,661
Government	21	5.2	21	30,000	60,000	62,000	48,024
Public Interest	27	6.7	27	30,000	30,000	55,000	41,593
Subtotal	403	100.0					
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Academic Jobs:							
Other Professional	1	100.0
Subtotal	1	100.0					
Business Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required	3	21.4
JD Advantage	10	71.4	7	85,000	125,000	150,000	117,143
Other Professional	1	7.1
Subtotal	14	100.0					
Private Practice Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required	312	99.7	310	160,000	160,000	160,000	158,661
Other Professional	1	0.3
Subtotal	313	100.0					
Government Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required	19	90.5	19	30,000	60,000	62,000	48,605
JD Advantage	1	4.8
Other Professional	1	4.8
Subtotal	21	100.0					
Judicial Clerkships:							
Federal	23	85.2	23	60,000	63,000	65,000	61,969
State	3	11.1
Other/unknown	1	3.7
Subtotal	27	100.0					
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	Number Reported	% of Reported	# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Public Interest Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required	27	100.0	27	30,000	30,000	55,000	41,593
Subtotal	27	100.0					
Size of Firm:							
1-10	3	1.0	.	.	.	.	.
11-25	1	0.3	.	.	.	.	.
26-50	4	1.3	.	.	.	.	.
51-100	1	0.3	.	.	.	.	.
101-250	7	2.2	7	145,000	160,000	165,000	151,429
251-500	44	14.1	44	160,000	160,000	160,000	155,864
501+	253	80.8	252	160,000	160,000	160,000	159,980
Subtotal	313	100.0					
Type of Law Firm Job:							
Associate	312	99.7	310	160,000	160,000	160,000	158,661
Law Clerk	1	0.3
Subtotal	313	100.0					
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	Number Reported	% of Reported	# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Jobs Taken by Region:							
New England	5	1.2	.	.	.	.	.
Mid-Atlantic	313	77.7	309	160,000	160,000	160,000	142,621
E North Central	5	1.2	5	120,000	160,000	160,000	142,000
South Atlantic	31	7.7	31	60,000	145,000	160,000	109,952
W South Central	6	1.5	6	50,000	75,649	160,000	95,216
Mountain	4	1.0	.	.	.	.	.
Pacific	30	7.4	29	70,000	160,000	160,000	127,931
Non US locations	9	2.2	8	52,500	60,000	110,000	79,375
Subtotal	403	100.0					
Location of Jobs:							
In-State	309	76.7	306	160,000	160,000	160,000	143,507
Out of State	94	23.3	89	60,000	155,000	160,000	112,462
Subtotal	403	100.0					
# States and Territories w/Employed Grads:							
	20	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total	20	.					
Note: Categories with no graduates reported are not shown. A minimum of five salaries is required for each salary analysis.							

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	Number Reported	% of Reported
Source of Job		
Fall OCI	168	62.7
Job fair/consortia	16	6.0
Job Posting in CSO	12	4.5
Job posted online or in print	2	0.7
Clerkship application process or Oscar	1	0.4
Return to Prior Job	3	1.1
Referral	12	4.5
Start own practice	2	0.7
Self-initiated/letter	18	6.7
Spring OCI	10	3.7
Other	24	9.0
Subtotal	268	100.0
Timing of Job Offer		
After Bar Results	1	0.3
Before Graduation	390	99.5
Before Bar Results	1	0.3
Subtotal	392	100.0
Search Status of Employed Grads		
Seeking a different job	12	3.7
Not seeking a different job	313	96.3
Subtotal	325	100.0
Note: Figures are based on jobs for which the item was reported, and thus may not add to the total number of jobs.		

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	Jobs lasting a year or more			Number of Short-term Jobs
	Total Number	Number of Indefinite Duration	Number of Fixed Duration	
Duration of Jobs by Employer Type				
Academic	1	.	.	.
Business	13	9	3	1
Judicial Clerk	27	.	26	.
Private Practice	313	253	6	.
Government	21	8	12	.
Public Interest	27	3	22	.
Total Reported	402	273	69	1
Total Number of Jobs Reported as Funded by Law School				
	28	.	.	.
Total Reported	28	.	.	.
Note: Figures for job duration are based on jobs for which the item was reported, and thus may not add to the total number of jobs. The count of jobs funded by the law school is a total, regardless of duration.				

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Source of Job by Employer Type

Source of Job by Employer Type	Business		Judicial clerkship		Law firms of 50 or fewer		Law firms of 51 or more	
	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported
Fall OCI	0	0	2	25.0	0	0	163	70.9
Job listing	0	0	2	25.0	0	0	10	4.3
Clerkship application process or Oscar	0	0	1	12.5	0	0	0	0
Pre-law school employer	1	10.0	0	0	0	0	2	0.9
Referral from friend	0	0	2	25.0	0	0	7	3.0
Letter/self-initiated	2	20.0	0	0	1	33.3	11	4.8
All other	7	70.0	1	12.5	2	66.7	37	16.1
TOTAL	10	100.0	8	100.0	3	100.0	230	100.0

Source of Job by Employer Type	Government		Public interest		All Employer Types*	
	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported
Fall OCI	3	42.9	0	0	168	62.7
Job listing	0	0	0	0	12	4.5
Clerkship application process or Oscar	0	0	0	0	1	0.4
Pre-law school employer	0	0	0	0	3	1.1
Referral from friend	1	14.3	2	20.0	12	4.5
Letter/self-initiated	2	28.6	2	20.0	18	6.7
All other	1	14.3	6	60.0	54	20.1
TOTAL	7	100.0	10	100.0	268	100.0

** Excludes jobs for which a source, employer type, or firm size was not reported.*

"Other" also includes job fairs, spring OCI, non-CSO job sites and postings, and the self-employed.

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Number of Jobs Reported Taken by State

Region	State	# of jobs	% of jobs
New England	Massachusetts	5	1.2
		5	1.2
Mid Atlantic	New Jersey	3	0.7
	New York	309	76.7
	Pennsylvania	1	0.2
		313	77.7
E. North Central	Illinois	3	0.7
	Ohio	2	0.5
		5	1.2
South Atlantic	Delaware	1	0.2
	Washington, DC	25	6.2
	Florida	1	0.2
	Georgia	2	0.5
	Maryland	1	0.2
	North Carolina	1	0.2
		31	7.7
W. South Central	Arkansas	1	0.2
	Louisiana	2	0.5
	Texas	3	0.7
		6	1.5
Mountain	Colorado	3	0.7
	Nevada	1	0.2
		4	1.0
Pacific	Alaska	1	0.2
	California	28	6.9
	Washington	1	0.2
		30	7.4
Non US locations	Non U.S. locations	9	2.2
		9	2.2
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>403</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Excludes employed graduates for whom job location was not reported.

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Location of Instate Jobs

In-state location	# of Jobs	% of Jobs
Bronx	2	0.6
Brooklyn	6	1.9
Flushing	1	0.3
New York City	299	96.8
Other/unknown New York	1	0.3
	309	100.0

Excludes employed graduates for whom job location was not reported.

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Full and Part-time Jobs by Employer Type

Full and Part-time Jobs by Employer Type	Full-time		Part-time		All	
	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported
Academic	1	100.0	0	0	1	100.0
Business	12	85.7	2	14.3	14	100.0
Judicial clerkship	27	100.0	0	0	27	100.0
Law firm	313	100.0	0	0	313	100.0
Government	21	100.0	0	0	21	100.0
Public interest	27	100.0	0	0	27	100.0

This table excludes jobs for which full or part-time information was not reported.

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