

*SMU Dedman School of Law
Class of 2017 Summary Report*

			Full-time Long-term Salaries				
	Number Reported	% of Reported	# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Total Reported = 236							
Gender Reported:							
Women							
Men							
Subtotal							
Race Reported:							
Minority							
Non-minority							
Subtotal							
Gender & Race Reported:							
Minority Women							
Minority Men							
Non-minority Women							
Non-minority Men							
Subtotal							
Employment Status Known:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	187	79.2	163	62,521	90,000	165,000	108,095
JD Advantage	23	9.7	13	65,000	70,000	90,000	79,442
Other Professional	7	3.0	.	.	.	.	.
Non-professional	1	0.4	.	.	.	.	.
Start date after 3/15/2018	2	0.8	.	.	.	.	.
Not Employed-Seeking	15	6.4	.	.	.	.	.
Not Employed-Not Seeking	1	0.4	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	236	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 Continuing Studies Full-time:							
Employed	218	92.4	179	62,500	90,000	160,000	105,585
Subtotal	218	92.4					
Employment by Sector							
Private Sector	183	83.9	154	75,000	100,000	180,000	113,860
Public Sector	35	16.1	25	50,000	57,000	60,000	54,607
Subtotal	218	100.0					
Full-time/Part-time Jobs:							
Bar Passage Req/Anticipated-Full-time	186	85.3	163	62,521	90,000	165,000	108,095
Bar Passage Req/Anticipated-Part-time	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
JD Advantage-Full-time	20	9.2	13	65,000	70,000	90,000	79,442
JD Advantage-Part-time	3	1.4	.	.	.	.	.
Other Professional-Full-time	6	2.8	.	.	.	.	.
Other Professional-Part-time	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
Non-professional-Full-time	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	218	100.0					
Employment Categories:							
Education	4	1.8	.	.	.	.	.
Business	34	15.6	23	68,000	85,000	115,000	93,446
Judicial Clerk	6	2.8	6	55,000	60,000	60,000	58,368
Private Practice	149	68.3	131	75,000	100,000	180,000	117,445
Government	17	7.8	10	54,500	59,059	61,189	55,749
Public Interest	8	3.7	6	45,000	50,000	57,000	50,500
Subtotal	218	100.0					
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Education Jobs:							
JD Advantage	1	25.0
Other Professional	3	75.0
Subtotal	4	100.0					
Business Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	15	44.1	12	78,625	90,000	116,500	98,021
JD Advantage	14	41.2	10	65,000	77,500	110,000	82,300
Other Professional	4	11.8
Non-professional	1	2.9
Subtotal	34	100.0					
Private Practice Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	144	96.6	130	75,000	100,000	180,000	117,673
JD Advantage	5	3.4
Subtotal	149	100.0					
Government Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	15	88.2	10	54,500	59,059	61,189	55,749
JD Advantage	2	11.8
Subtotal	17	100.0					
Judicial Clerkships:							
Federal	4	66.7
State	2	33.3
Subtotal	6	100.0					
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	Number Reported	% of Reported	# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Public Interest Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	7	87.5	5	45,000	50,000	50,000	47,600
JD Advantage	1	12.5	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	8	100.0					
Size of Firm (by # of Attorney):							
1-10	50	33.6	36	60,000	68,000	80,000	71,528
11-25	19	12.8	19	73,500	87,750	90,000	85,197
26-50	11	7.4	9	63,000	75,000	100,000	81,111
51-100	8	5.4	7	63,500	88,000	180,000	113,786
101-250	10	6.7	9	130,000	135,000	135,000	130,000
251-500	15	10.1	15	150,000	180,000	180,000	162,667
501+	36	24.2	36	180,000	180,000	180,000	168,194
Subtotal	149	100.0					
Type of Law Firm Job:							
Associate	137	91.9	126	75,000	101,500	180,000	118,710
Staff Attorney	6	4.0
Law Clerk	5	3.4
Manager/administrator	1	0.7
Subtotal	149	100.0					
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	Number Reported	% of Reported	# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Jobs Taken by Region:							
New England	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
Mid-Atlantic	2	0.9	.	.	.	.	.
E North Central	2	0.9	.	.	.	.	.
W North Central	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
South Atlantic	5	2.3	.	.	.	.	.
W South Central	203	93.1	166	63,000	90,000	160,000	107,051
Mountain	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
Pacific	2	0.9	.	.	.	.	.
Non-US locations	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	218	100.0					
Location of Jobs:							
In-State	202	92.7	165	63,000	90,000	160,000	107,093
Out of State	16	7.3	14	52,000	78,875	115,000	87,804
Subtotal	218	100.0					
# States and Territories w/Employed Grads:							
	13	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total	13	.					
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	45	20.6
Job posting in CSO	68	31.2
Job posted online or in print	15	6.9
Clerkship application process or OSCAR	1	0.5
Return to prior job	6	2.8
Referral	35	16.1
Start own practice or business	1	0.5
Self-initiated/letter	28	12.8
Spring OCI	2	0.9
Other	17	7.8
Subtotal	218	100.0
Timing of Job Offer		
Before graduation	124	57.1
After graduation	93	42.9
Subtotal	217	100.0
Search Status of Employed Grads		
Seeking a different job	35	16.1
Not seeking a different job	183	83.9
Subtotal	218	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. Timing of job offer figures exclude any graduates starting their own practice.		

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	Number of Jobs Reported as:	
	Long-term (1+ years)	Short-term (Less than 1 year)
Duration of Jobs by Employer Type		
Education	4	.
Business	32	2
Judicial Clerk	6	.
Private Practice	147	2
Government	12	5
Public Interest	7	1
Total Reported	208	10
Total Number of Jobs Reported as Funded by Law School		
	1	.
Total Reported	1	.
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	Education		Business		Judicial clerkship		Law firms of 50 or fewer	
	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported
Fall OCI	0	0	1	2.9	0	0	2	2.5
Job Posting in CSO	0	0	6	17.6	4	66.7	36	45.0
Clerkship application process or OSCAR	0	0	0	0	1	16.7	0	0
Pre-law school employer	1	25.0	3	8.8	0	0	1	1.3
Referral from friend	0	0	8	23.5	0	0	17	21.3
Letter/self-initiated	2	50.0	6	17.6	1	16.7	13	16.3
All other	1	25.0	10	29.4	0	0	11	13.8
TOTAL	4	100.0	34	100.0	6	100.0	80	100.0

Source of Job by Employer Type	Law firms of 51 or more		Government		Public interest		All Employer Types*	
	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported	Number Reported	% of Reported
Fall OCI	41	59.4	1	5.9	0	0	45	20.6
Job Posting in CSO	13	18.8	7	41.2	2	25.0	68	31.2
Clerkship application process or OSCAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.5
Pre-law school employer	0	0	1	5.9	0	0	6	2.8
Referral from friend	5	7.2	2	11.8	3	37.5	35	16.1
Letter/self-initiated	4	5.8	2	11.8	0	0	28	12.8
All other	6	8.7	4	23.5	3	37.5	35	16.1
TOTAL	69	100.0	17	100.0	8	100.0	218	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	New Hampshire	1	0.5
		1	0.5
Mid Atlantic	New York	2	0.9
		2	0.9
E. North Central	Illinois	1	0.5
	Michigan	1	0.5
		2	0.9
W. North Central	Nebraska	1	0.5
		1	0.5
South Atlantic	Washington, DC	1	0.5
	Georgia	1	0.5
	North Carolina	1	0.5
	Virginia	2	0.9
		5	2.3
W. South Central	Oklahoma	1	0.5
	Texas	202	92.7
		203	93.1
Mountain	Colorado	1	0.5
		1	0.5
Pacific	California	2	0.9
		2	0.9
Non US locations	Non U.S. locations	1	0.5
		1	0.5
TOTAL		218	100.0

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
Arlington	1	0.5
Austin	6	3.0
Carrollton	2	1.0
Dallas	139	68.8
Denton	2	1.0
El Paso	1	0.5
Fort Worth	10	5.0
Garland	1	0.5
Houston	9	4.5
Irving	4	2.0
McAllen	1	0.5
Midland	1	0.5
Other/unknown Texas	11	5.4
Plano	5	2.5
San Angelo	1	0.5
San Antonio	4	2.0
Sherman	1	0.5
Tyler	1	0.5
Waco	1	0.5
Wichita Falls	1	0.5
	202	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
Education	4	100.0	0	0	4	100.0
Business	33	97.1	1	2.9	34	100.0
Judicial clerkship	6	100.0	0	0	6	100.0
Law firm	145	97.3	4	2.7	149	100.0
Government	17	100.0	0	0	17	100.0
Public interest	8	100.0	0	0	8	100.0

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

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