

University of Southern California Gould 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 = 209							
Employment Status Known:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	187	89.5	159	75,000	160,000	180,000	128,514
JD Advantage	6	2.9	.	.	.	.	.
Continuing Studies Full-time	3	1.4	.	.	.	.	.
Start date after 3/15/2018	4	1.9	.	.	.	.	.
Not Employed-Seeking	8	3.8	.	.	.	.	.
Not Employed-Not Seeking	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	209	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:							
Continuing Studies Full-time	3	1.4
Employed	193	92.3	163	74,000	145,000	180,000	126,756
Subtotal	196	93.8					
Employment by Sector							
Private Sector	155	80.3	135	90,000	180,000	180,000	140,704
Public Sector	38	19.7	28	50,000	58,000	67,923	59,506
Subtotal	193	100.0					
Full-time/Part-time Jobs:							
Bar Passage Req/Anticipated-Full-time	184	95.3	159	75,000	160,000	180,000	128,514
Bar Passage Req/Anticipated-Part-time	3	1.6	.	.	.	.	.
JD Advantage-Full-time	6	3.1	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	193	100.0					
Employment Categories:							
Education	3	1.6	.	.	.	.	.
Business	15	7.8	9	70,000	75,000	80,000	81,500
Judicial Clerk	7	3.6	6	66,000	66,923	68,000	66,808
Private Practice	140	72.5	126	100,000	180,000	180,000	144,933
Government	12	6.2	9	64,000	74,000	78,348	68,147
Public Interest	16	8.3	11	50,000	52,000	55,000	52,000
Subtotal	193	100.0					
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Education Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	3	100.0					
Subtotal	3	100.0					
Business Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	11	73.3	7	70,000	75,000	110,000	88,000
JD Advantage	4	26.7					
Subtotal	15	100.0					
Private Practice Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	140	100.0	126	100,000	180,000	180,000	144,933
Subtotal	140	100.0					
Government Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	12	100.0	9	64,000	74,000	78,348	68,147
Subtotal	12	100.0					
Judicial Clerkships:							
Federal	7	100.0	6	66,000	66,923	68,000	66,808
Subtotal	7	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	14	87.5	9	50,000	51,000	55,000	51,333
JD Advantage	2	12.5	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	16	100.0					
Size of Firm (by # of Attorney):							
1-10	29	20.7	18	60,000	66,500	80,000	73,444
11-25	11	7.9	9	75,000	85,000	90,000	86,889
26-50	8	5.7	7	95,000	110,000	135,000	111,786
51-100	6	4.3	6	80,000	115,000	160,000	114,167
101-250	6	4.3	6	85,000	142,500	160,000	131,667
251-500	8	5.7	8	175,000	180,000	180,000	176,250
501+	72	51.4	72	180,000	180,000	180,000	173,472
Subtotal	140	100.0					
Type of Law Firm Job:							
Associate	130	92.9	120	104,500	180,000	180,000	148,821
Staff Attorney	3	2.1
Law Clerk	7	5.0
Subtotal	140	100.0					
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	Number Reported	% of Reported	# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Jobs Taken by Region:							
Mid-Atlantic	10	5.2	10	55,000	180,000	180,000	131,000
E North Central	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
W North Central	2	1.0	.	.	.	.	.
South Atlantic	6	3.1	6	51,000	79,860	180,000	102,663
E South Central	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
Mountain	5	2.6	.	.	.	.	.
Pacific	166	86.0	140	75,000	160,000	180,000	128,934
Non-US locations	2	1.0	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	193	100.0					
Location of Jobs:							
In-State	164	85.0	138	75,000	160,000	180,000	129,172
Out of State	29	15.0	25	60,000	90,000	180,000	113,419
Subtotal	193	100.0					
# States and Territories w/Employed Grads:							
	12	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total	12	.					
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	68	35.2
Job fair/consortia	7	3.6
Job posting in CSO	34	17.6
Job posted online or in print	3	1.6
Clerkship application process or OSCAR	4	2.1
Return to prior job	1	0.5
Referral	22	11.4
Self-initiated/letter	36	18.7
Spring OCI	4	2.1
Temp agency	1	0.5
Other	13	6.7
Subtotal	193	100.0
Timing of Job Offer		
Before graduation	164	85.0
After graduation	29	15.0
Subtotal	193	100.0
Search Status of Employed Grads		
Seeking a different job	31	17.4
Not seeking a different job	147	82.6
Subtotal	178	100.0
<p>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.</p>		

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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	3	.
Business	15	.
Judicial Clerk	6	1
Private Practice	139	1
Government	12	.
Public Interest	16	.
Total Reported	191	2
Total Number of Jobs Reported as Funded by Law School		
	6	.
Total Reported	6	.
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	6.7	1	14.3	5	10.4
Job Posting in CSO	2	66.7	4	26.7	0	0	13	27.1
Clerkship application process or OSCAR	0	0	0	0	4	57.1	0	0
Pre-law school employer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Referral from friend	0	0	1	6.7	0	0	8	16.7
Letter/self-initiated	0	0	7	46.7	0	0	15	31.3
Temp agency or legal search	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other	1	33.3	2	13.3	2	28.6	7	14.6
TOTAL	3	100.0	15	100.0	7	100.0	48	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	57	62.0	4	33.3	0	0	68	35.2
Job Posting in CSO	9	9.8	1	8.3	5	31.3	34	17.6
Clerkship application process or OSCAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.1
Pre-law school employer	1	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	0.5
Referral from friend	7	7.6	2	16.7	4	25.0	22	11.4
Letter/self-initiated	8	8.7	2	16.7	4	25.0	36	18.7
Temp agency or legal search	0	0	1	8.3	0	0	1	0.5
All other	10	10.9	2	16.7	3	18.8	27	14.0
TOTAL	92	100.0	12	100.0	16	100.0	193	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
Mid Atlantic	New Jersey	1	0.5
	New York	9	4.7
		10	5.2
E. North Central	Wisconsin	1	0.5
		1	0.5
W. North Central	Minnesota	1	0.5
	Nebraska	1	0.5
		2	1.0
South Atlantic	Washington, DC	5	2.6
	Virginia	1	0.5
		6	3.1
E. South Central	Tennessee	1	0.5
		1	0.5
Mountain	Arizona	4	2.1
	Utah	1	0.5
		5	2.6
Pacific	California	164	85.0
	Washington	2	1.0
		166	86.0
Non US locations	Non U.S. locations	2	1.0
		2	1.0
<i>TOTAL</i>		<i>193</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
Alameda	1	0.6
Anaheim	1	0.6
Beverly Hills	1	0.6
Costa Mesa	6	3.7
Fresno	4	2.4
Glendale	2	1.2
Irvine	2	1.2
Long Beach	1	0.6
Los Angeles	93	56.7
Menlo Park	3	1.8
Newport Beach	1	0.6
Oakland	1	0.6
Orange	2	1.2
Other/unknown California	19	11.6
Palo Alto	4	2.4
Pasadena	3	1.8
Redondo Beach	1	0.6
Riverside	3	1.8
Sacramento	2	1.2
San Diego	3	1.8
San Francisco	4	2.4
Santa Ana	2	1.2
Santa Barbara	1	0.6
Santa Monica	3	1.8
Torrance	1	0.6
	164	100.0

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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	3	100.0	0	0	3	100.0
Business	15	100.0	0	0	15	100.0
Judicial clerkship	7	100.0	0	0	7	100.0
Law firm	137	97.9	3	2.1	140	100.0
Government	12	100.0	0	0	12	100.0
Public interest	16	100.0	0	0	16	100.0

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

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