Graduates: We Need Your Help!

The experiences you have had searching for a job are of interest and value to your peers in the legal community. Now that you have graduated, you can take an active role in helping your profession compile accurate information on the employment outlook by cooperating with your career services office and completing the enclosed survey, which asks for information on your post-graduation employment status.

PLEASE BE AMONG THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF YOUR CLASSMATES WHO SUPPORT THEIR CAREER SERVICES OFFICE IN THIS DATA COLLECTION EFFORT. Some of the information will be reported to NALP, which compiles the only comprehensive aggregate national report on the employment of graduating law students. The report on the Class of 2017, examples of which are shown below and on the back of this sheet, was made possible by the participation of over 97% of that class. By using this report, your career services office was better able to help you and your peers in your job searches—for example, by determining which types of employers are hiring, where jobs can be found, and what salaries are being paid.

The national results are used by employers in deciding where to recruit and to ensure that their salaries are competitive; by individuals considering law school; and by those concerned with minority and gender hiring trends, among others. The results are also reported widely in the press.

Note that all information you supply is strictly CONFIDENTIAL within both your school and NALP. Information sent to NALP is provided on an anonymous basis and only aggregates and averages are published. NALP DOES NOT RELEASE DATA ON INDIVIDUALS or even on individual schools (except to the school itself).

The full report, which you can review in your career services office, provides much more detail on each of these topics. For example, the report gives private practice salaries by state and for over 200 cities nationwide.

Your participation insures that the survey results are useful and valid. Thank you for helping to provide this valuable information.

If you have any questions or concerns on the survey, please feel free to contact your career services office.

**Employer Types**

**Class of 2017 — as of March 15, 2018**

# OF JOBS = 30,104

- Private Practice 54.4%
- Public Interest 7.2%
- Military 1.2%
- Business 13.9%
- Education 1.6%
- Judicial Clerk 10.7%
- Other Govt 10.8%

Note: Figures in this chart reflect all job types — both legal and other. For clarity, the category for unknown employer type, representing 0.14% of jobs, is not shown. Overall, almost 95% of jobs were reported as full-time.
# Class of 2017 — Full-Time Reported Salaries by Employer Type

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Note: Figures are based on salaries reported for full-time jobs lasting a year or more. The column labeled “salary coverage” shows the percentage of full-time jobs lasting a year or more for which salary information was reported. The number of salaries reported for all types of employers exceeds the sum of salaries reported for individual employer types because not all jobs with a salary reported included an employer type. Figures in parentheses in the column labeled “Most Frequently Reported Salaries” indicate the percentage of salaries reported at that level. A few salaries reported for law firm solo practice are excluded from all salary analyses in this report. For purposes of determining the most frequently reported salaries, salaries were rounded to the nearest $500.

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## Employment Status

**Class of 2017 — as of March 15, 2018**

# OF GRADUATES= 33,966 (with known employment status)

- **Bar Passage Req'd Job**: 71.8%
- **Continuing Studies FT**: 1.6%
- **Not Employed/Not Seeking Work**: 1.3%
- **JD Advantage Job**: 12.3%
- **Other Non-professional Job**: 3.3%
- **Other Professional Job**: 1.2%
- **Not Employed/Seeking Work**: 7.7%

Note: Jobs for which an offer has been accepted but for which the start date is deferred, and jobs for which type, e.g. bar passage required, was not specified, account for 0.83% and 0.07% of graduates, respectively, but are not shown on the chart.