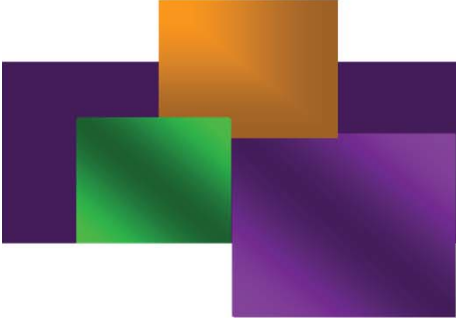


Study of Law School Alumni Employment *and* Satisfaction



Webinar - September 12, 2017

**Employment Outcomes
Seven & Three Years After Graduation**



Agenda

- Background & Methodology
- Results Among the Class of 2013 & Class of 2009
- Comparisons to *After the JD* research
- Data uses and value to law schools
- Sample Participant's Report
- NEXT STUDY: Among the Class of 2014

Background & Methodology

- Invitation letter sent to deans at all ABA accredited law schools in the Fall of 2016.
- Derived the participating law school list from the NALP and NALP Foundation law school membership lists.
- Provided participating law schools with a unique link to a survey for their alumni.
- Schools distributed the link to their alumni and ask them to complete the survey.
- The results reflect the aggregate information collected from 2,324 Class of 2013 and 751 Class of 2009 graduates.

Research Findings Class of 2013 Three Years After Graduation



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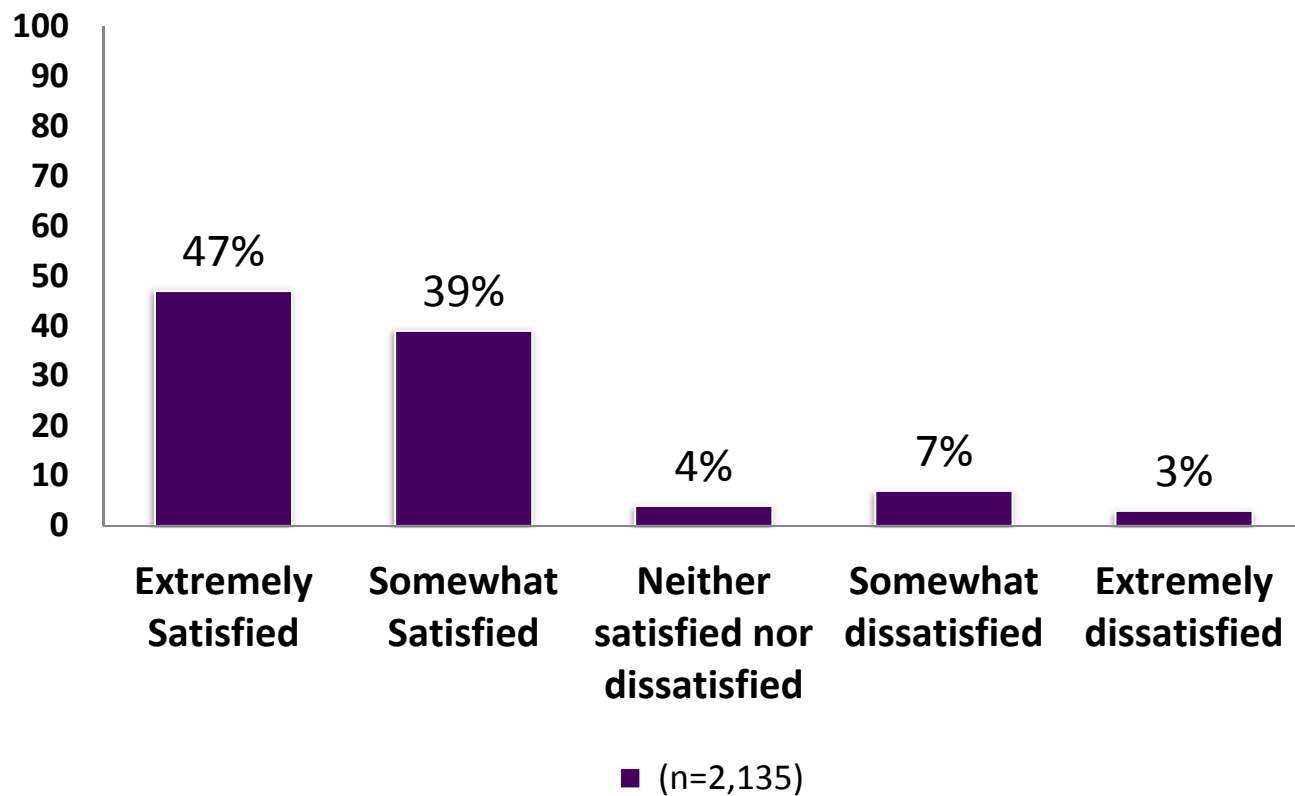
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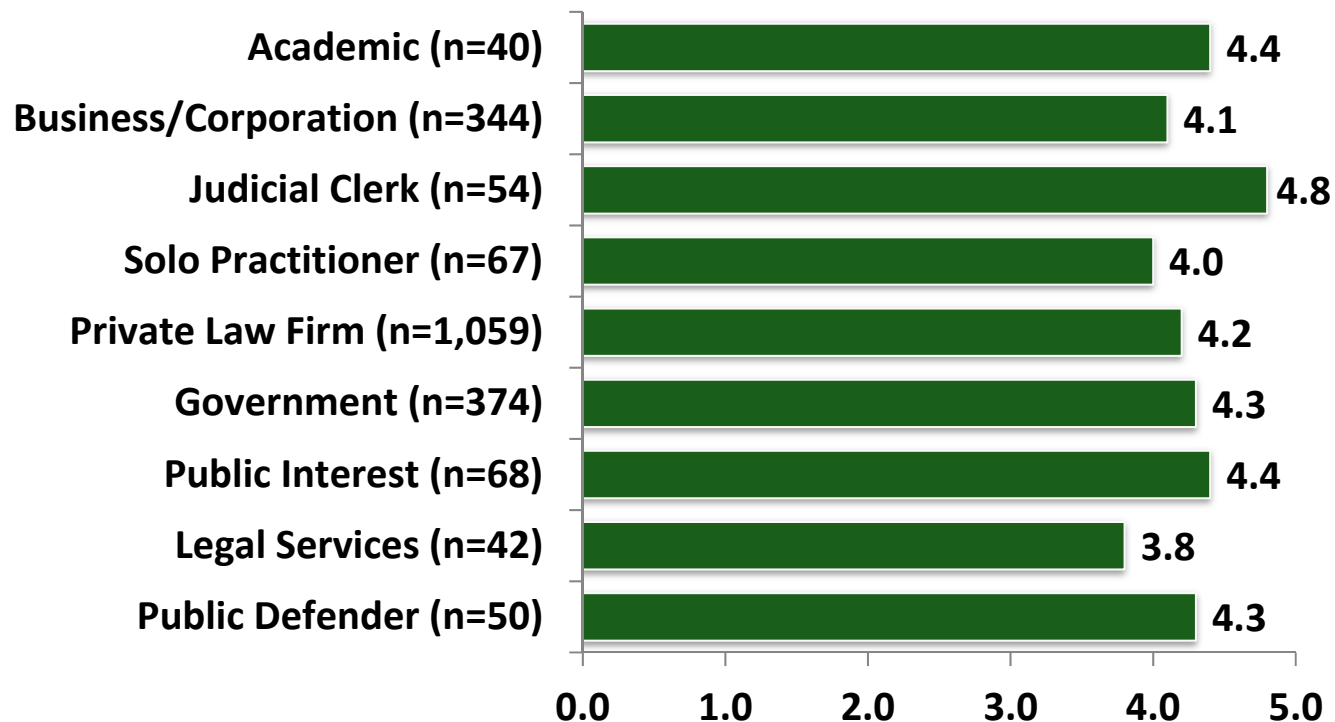
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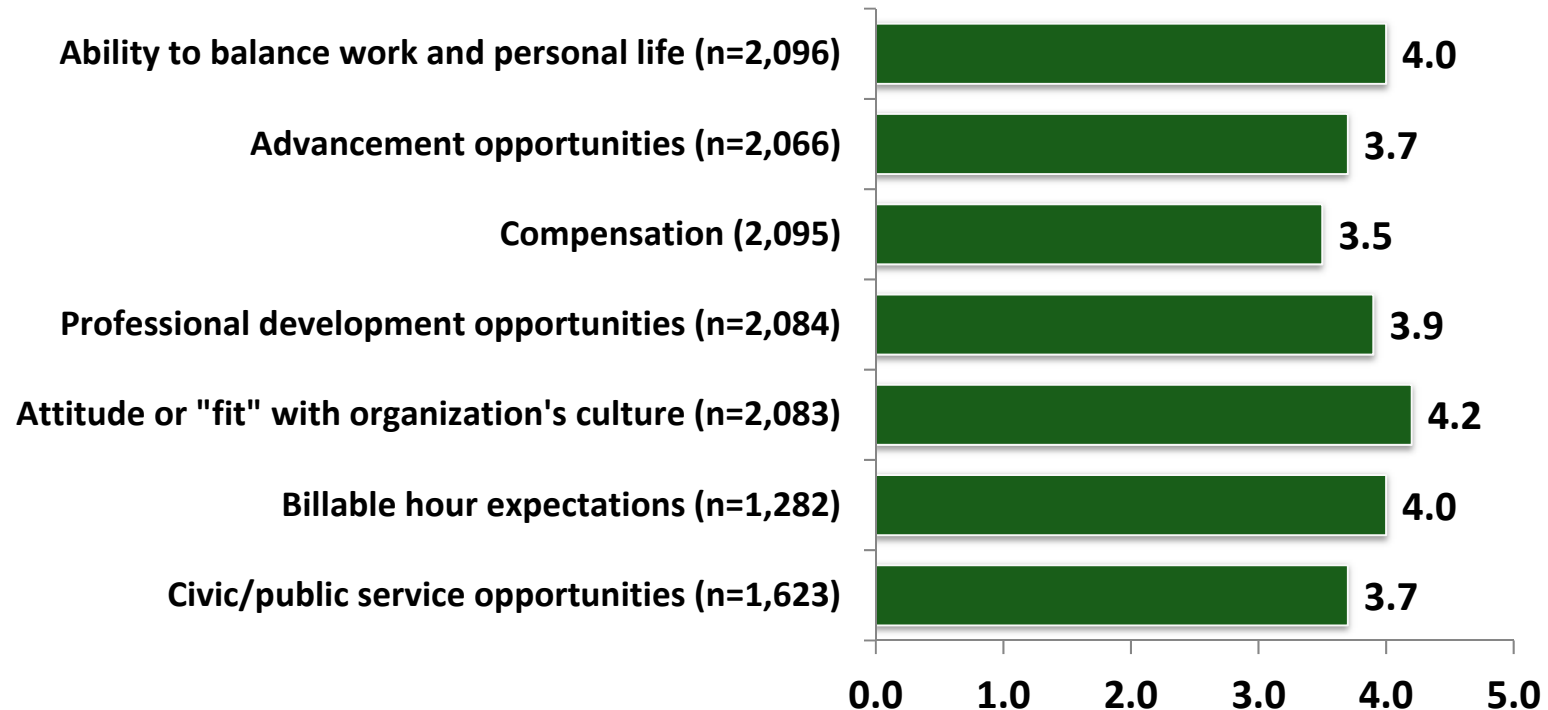
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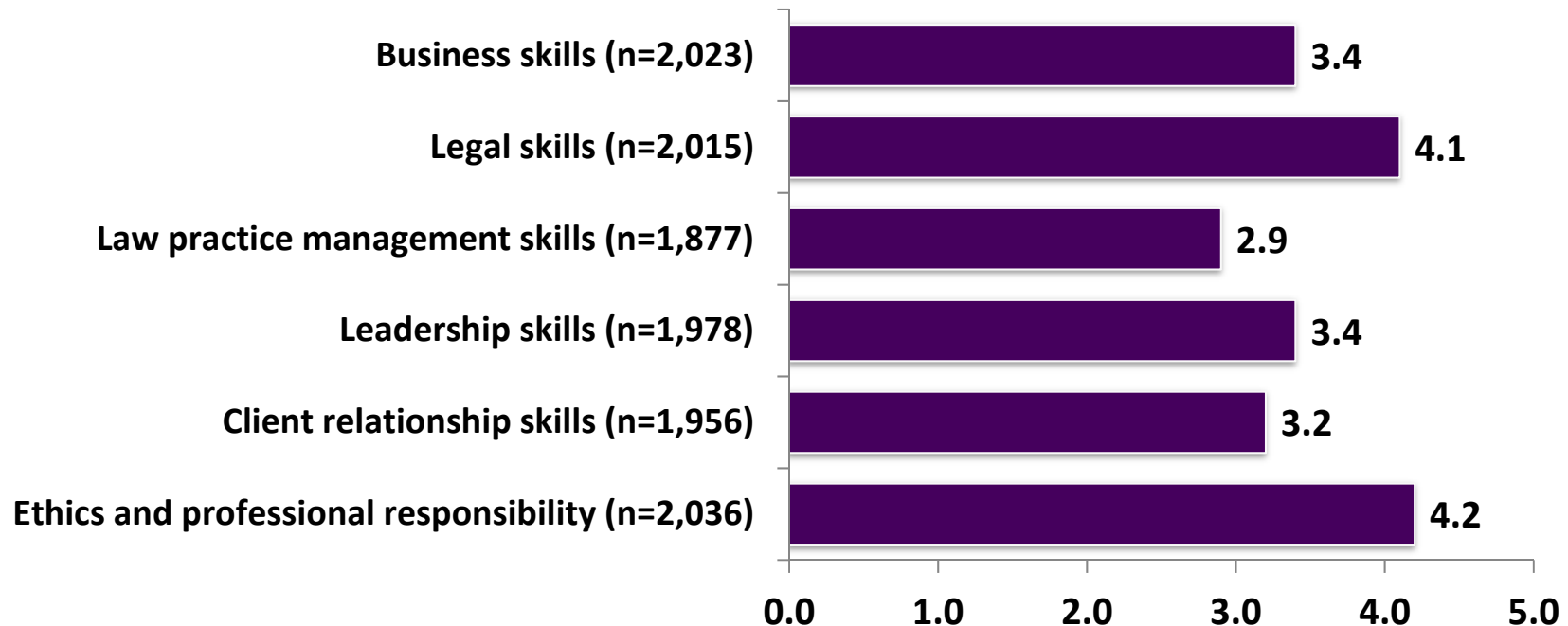
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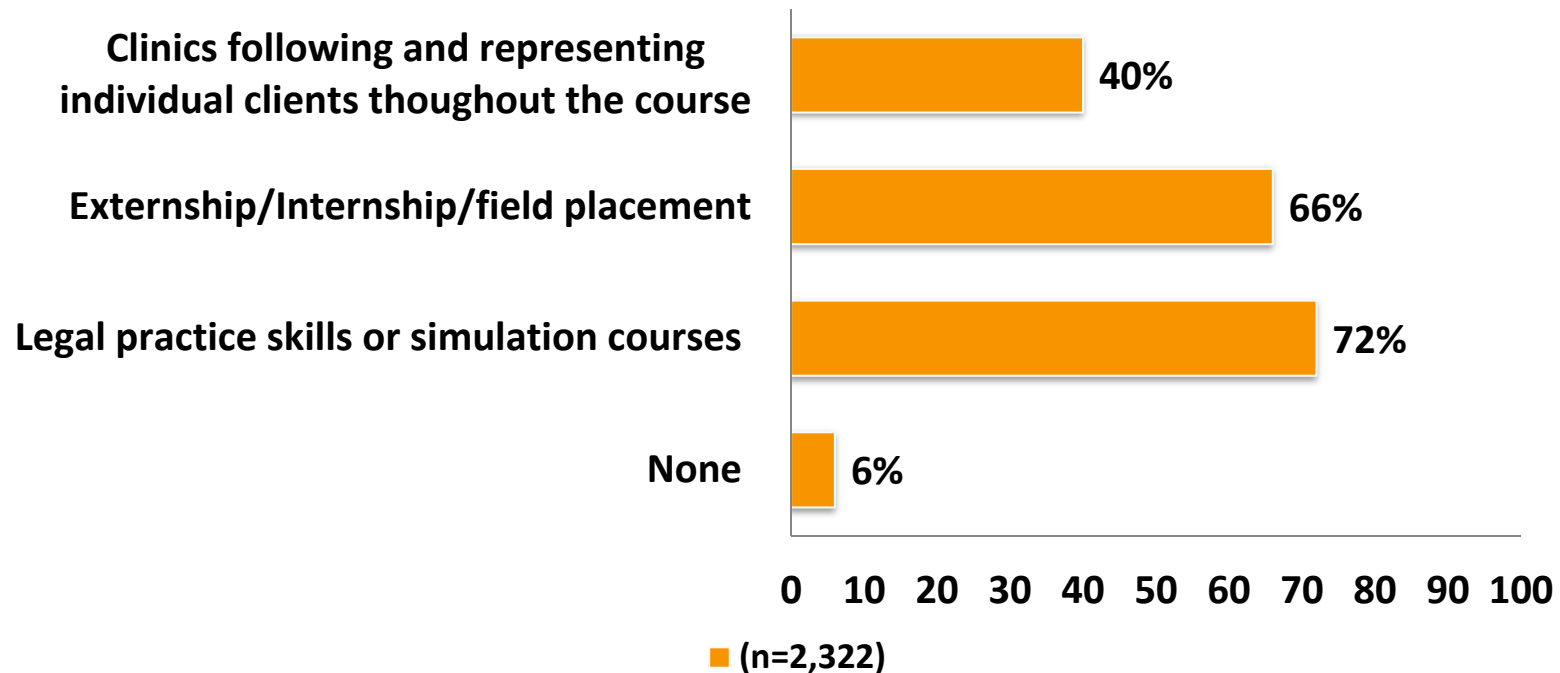
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Class of 2013

Participation in Experiential Opportunities During Law School



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Experiential Opportunities

"I credit the clinics more than anything else, helping me become good at public speaking and working with clients."

-Professional, not practicing law, business or corporation

"My law school provided me with great opportunities to gain practical legal experiences through clinics and internships that has been extremely valuable early on in my career."

-Female, practicing lawyer, private law firm with 11-25 lawyers

"Clinics, in particular, really helped me advance my skills and my career."

-Female, practicing lawyer, public interest

"I wish there had been greater opportunity for clinics when I was in law school. I applaud my law school's expansion of clinic opportunities in recent years."

- Female, practicing lawyer, private law firm 101-250 lawyers

"Practical externship opportunities, clinics, and practice based skills classes allowed me to hit the ground running after graduation".

-Male, practicing lawyer, private law firm with 101-250 lawyers

Research Findings Class of 2009 Seven Years After Graduation

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Class of 2009

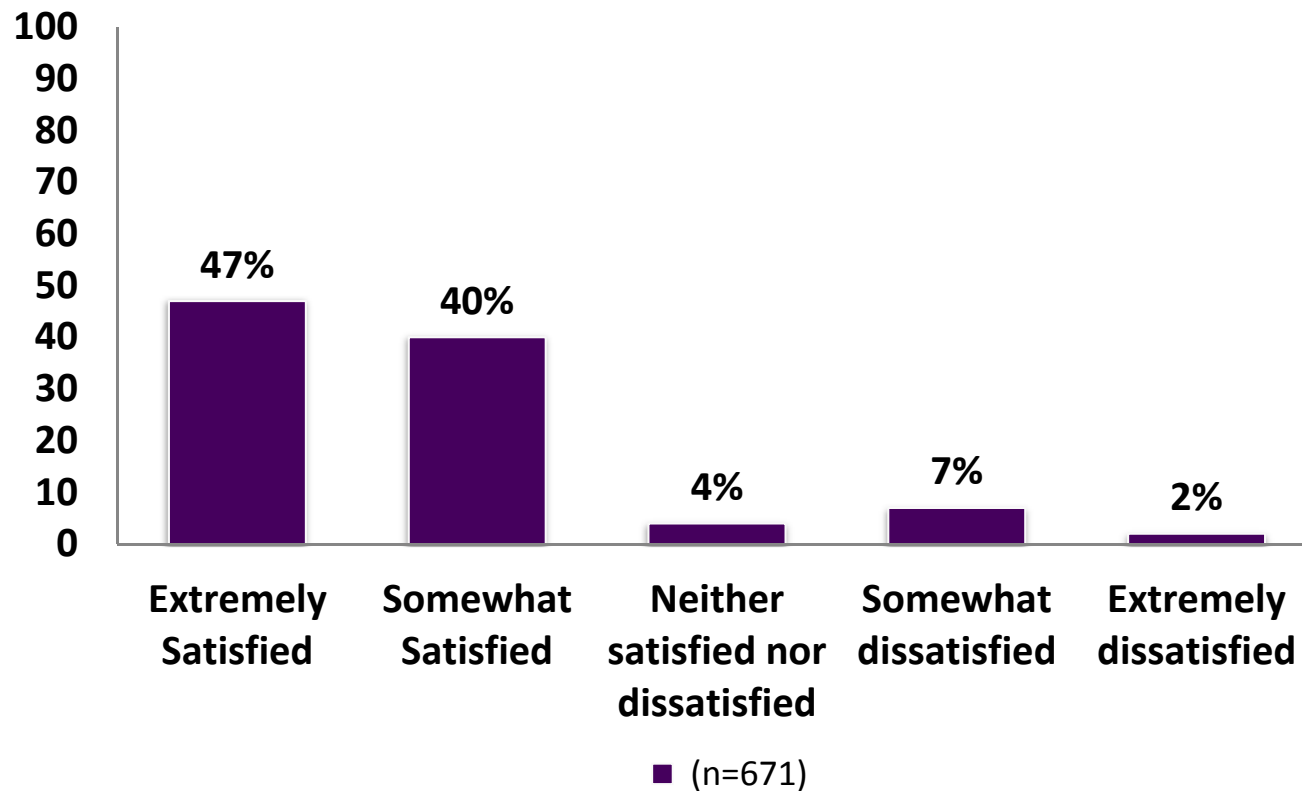
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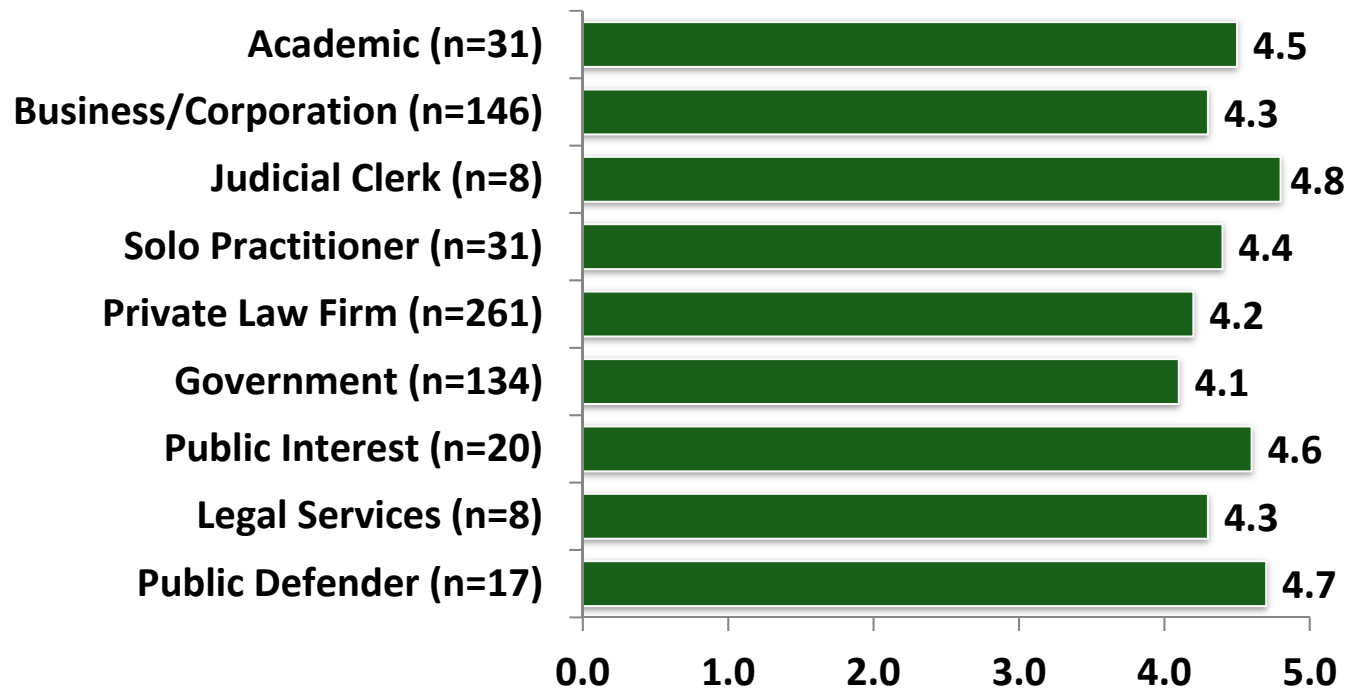
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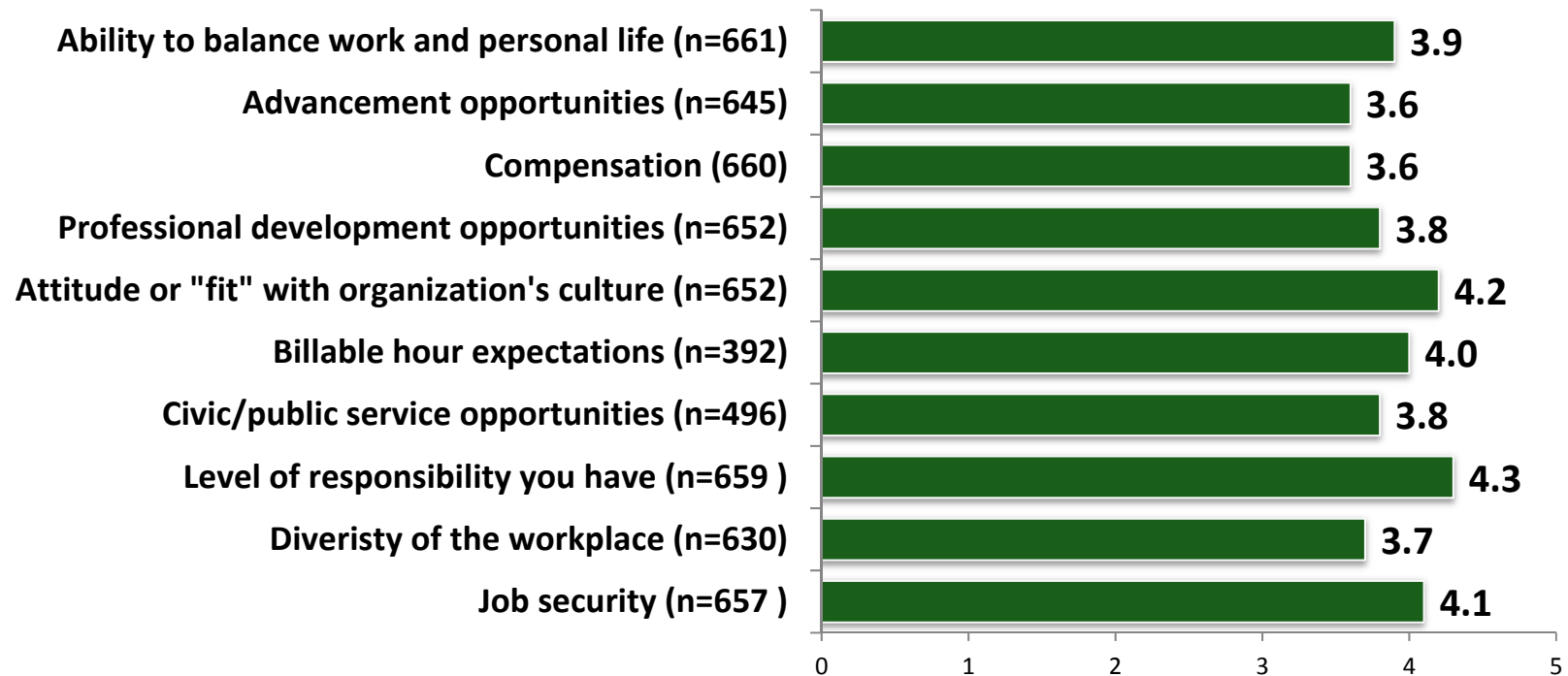
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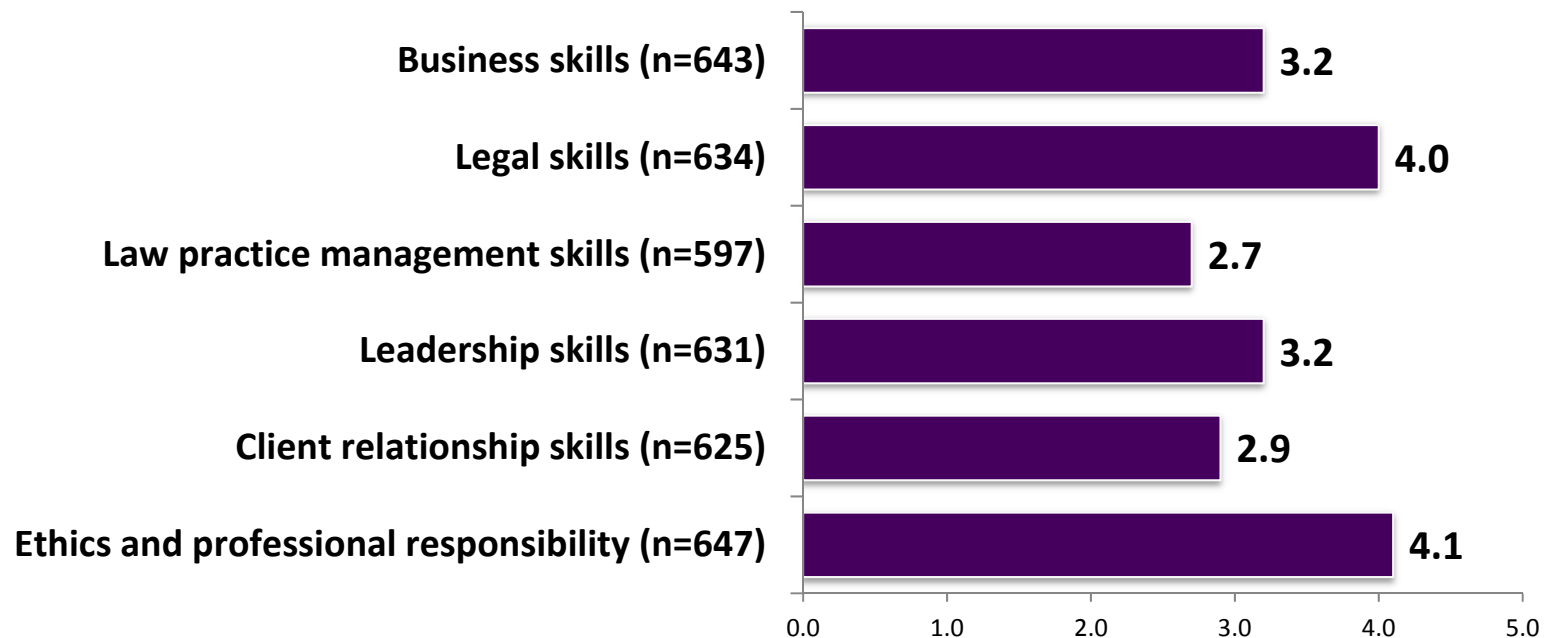
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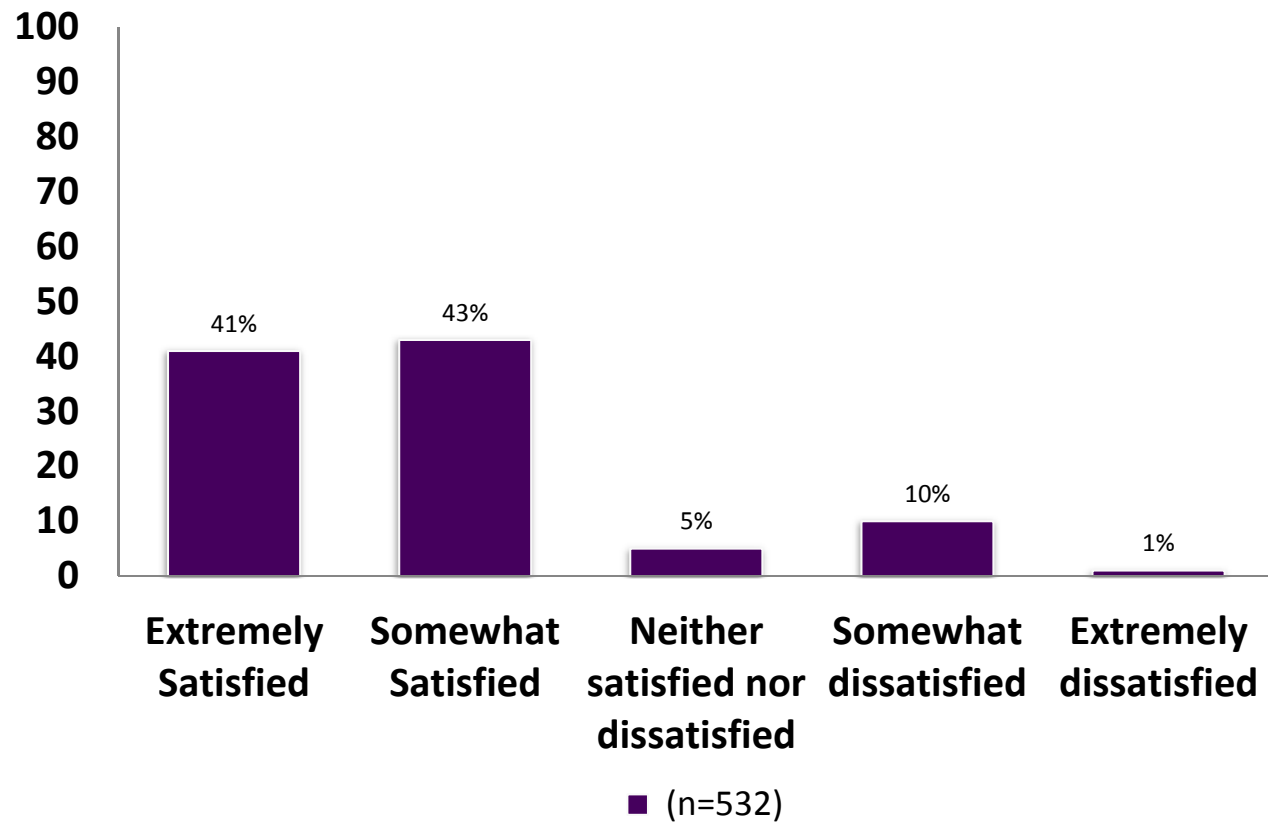
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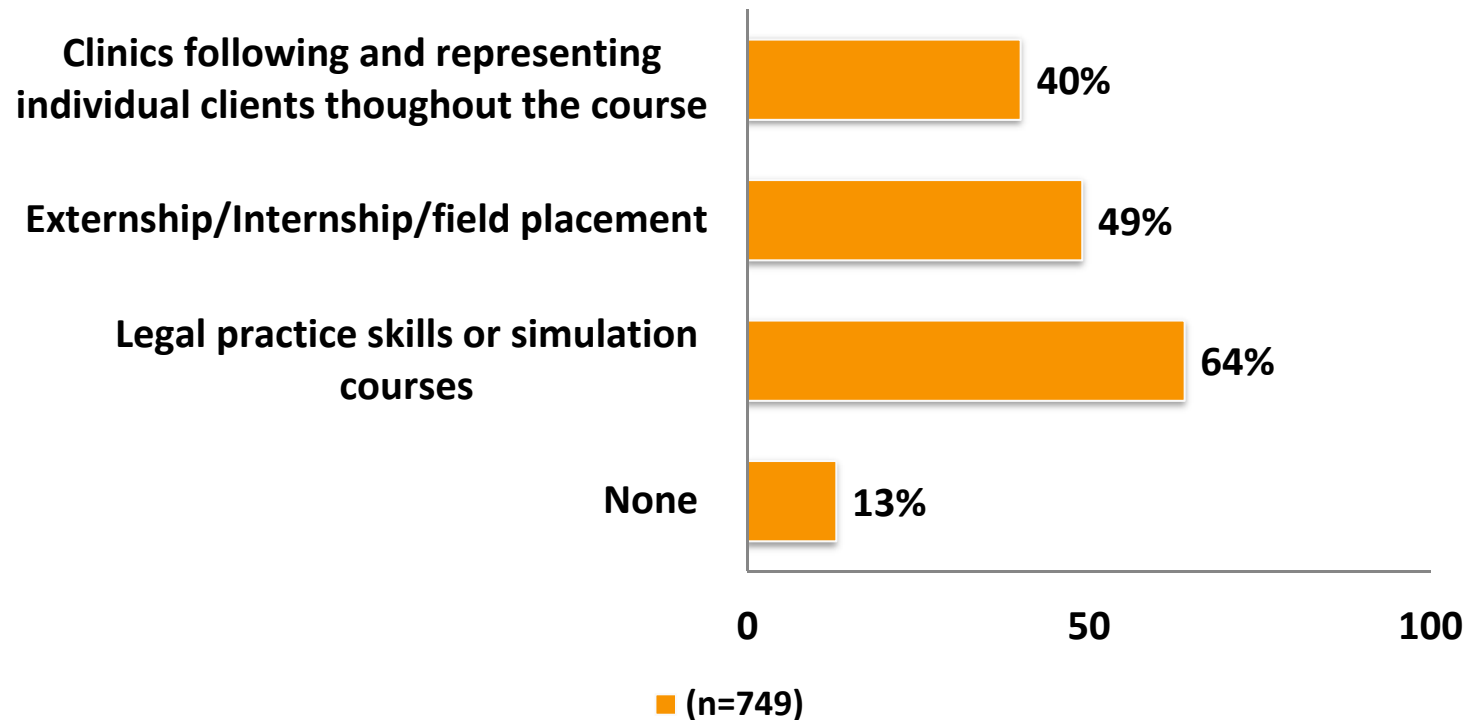
Class of 2009

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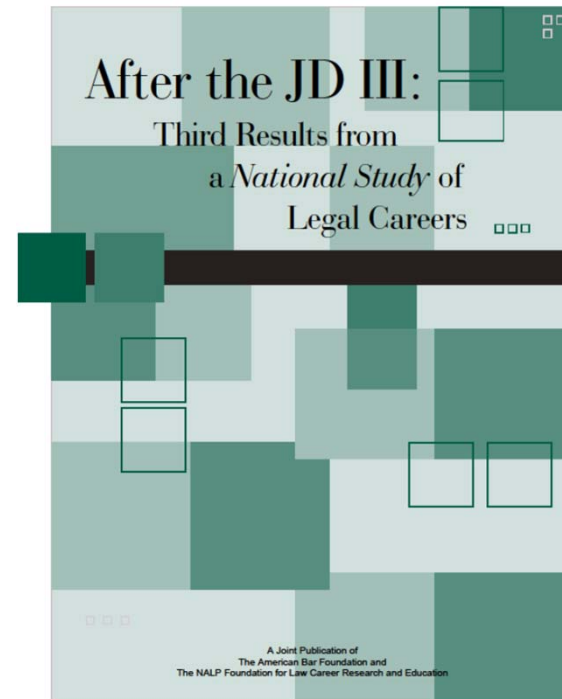
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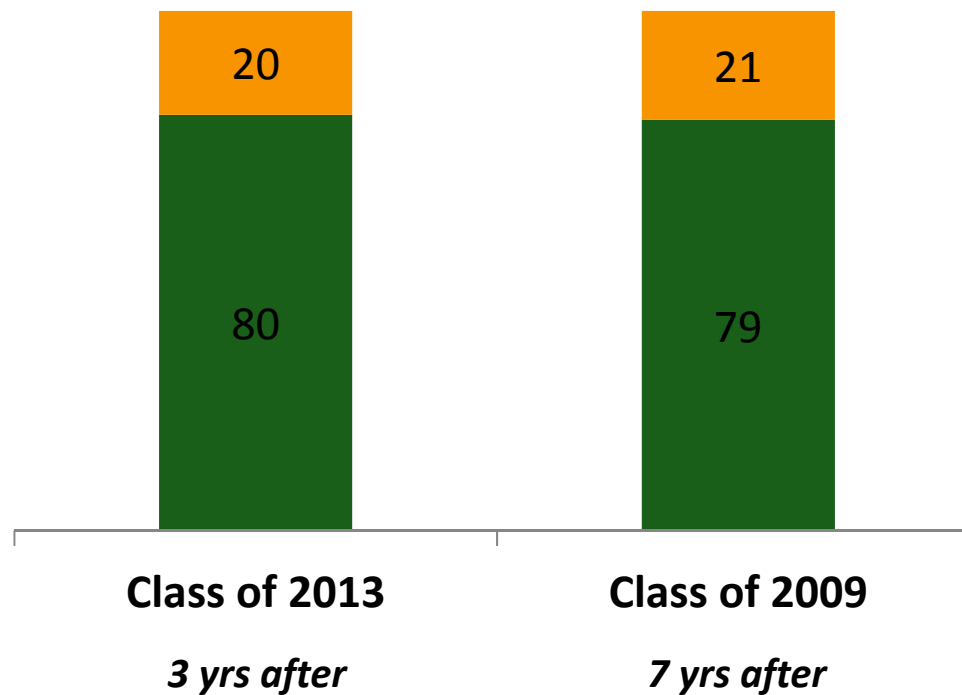
After the JD Study



Class of 2009

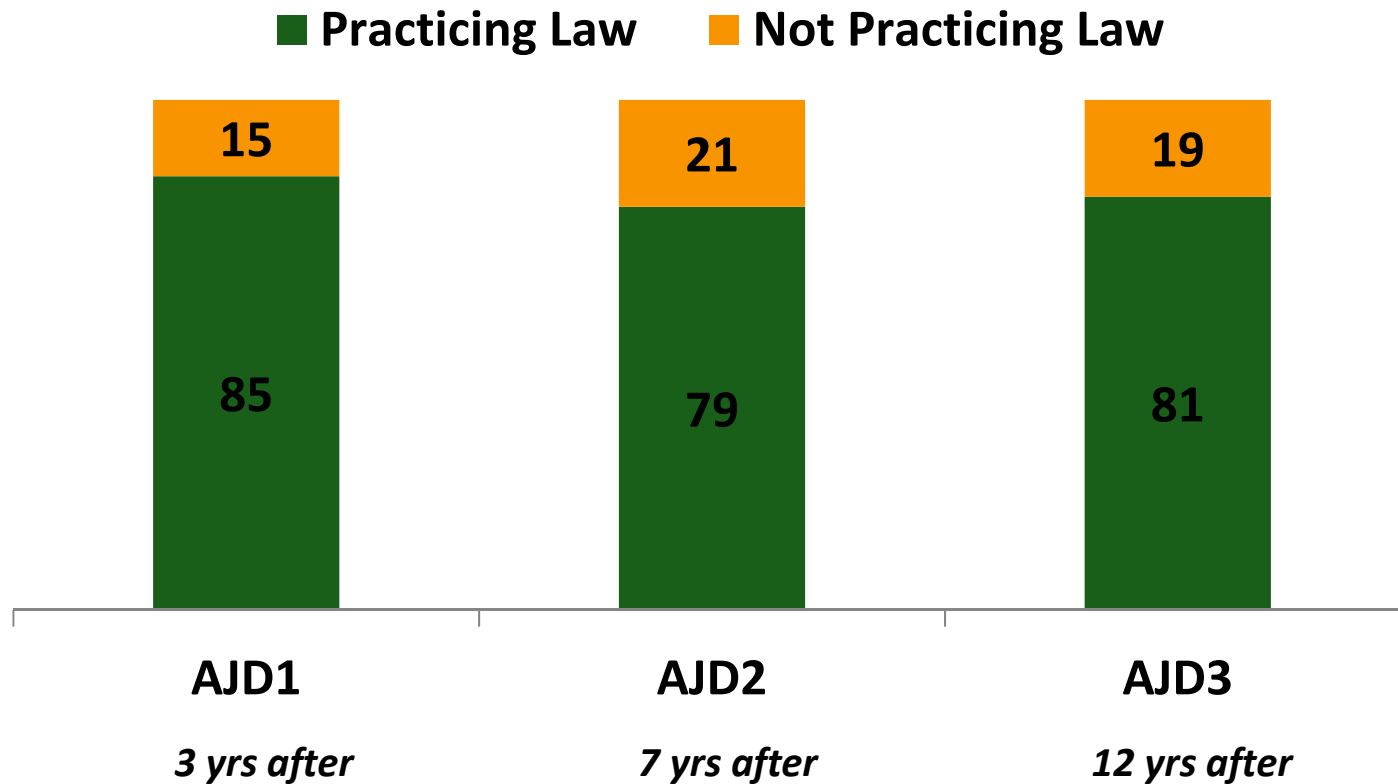
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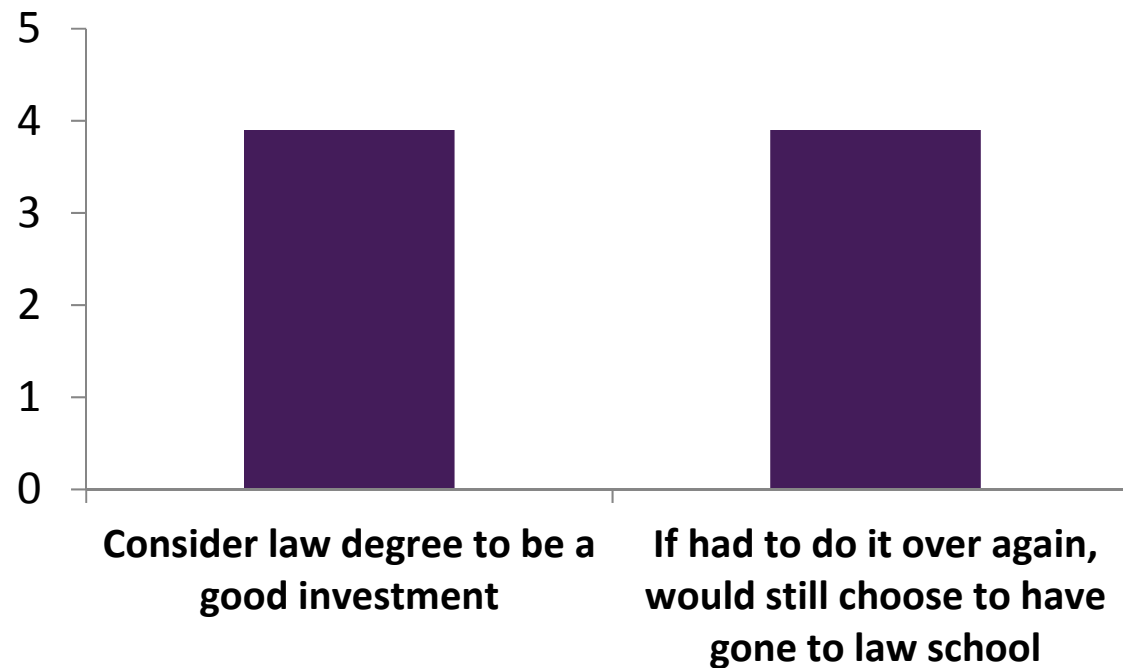
After the JD Class of 2000

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Class of 2009

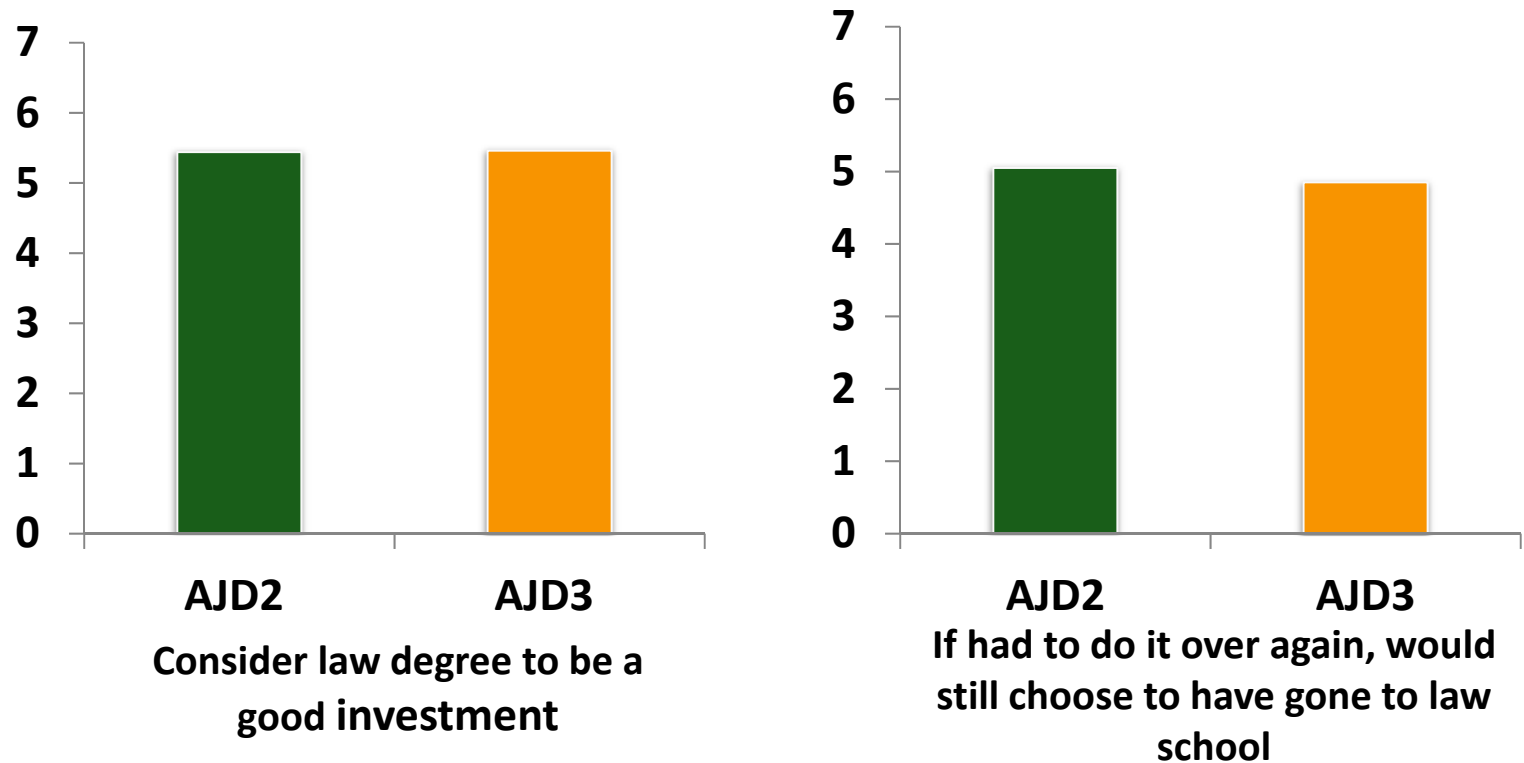
Perspectives on Legal Education Level of Agreement



On a 5-point scale where 5 equals "strongly agree" and 1 equals "strongly disagree."

After the JD Class of 2000

Perspectives on Legal Education Level of Agreement



On a 7-point scale where 7 equals "strongly agree" and 1 equals "strongly disagree."

Class of 2009

"My law school provided an ideal academic setting and was a great investment."

-Female, practicing lawyer, state or local government

"It is a riskier investment than I realized when I made it, but it worked out well for me."

-Female, practicing lawyer, private law firm 500-1,000 lawyers

"Honestly, in retrospect I would have gone to business school if I could do it over again...And I absolutely loved my law school's program, but I wouldn't do it again."

-Female, professional, not practicing law, corporate SVP

"Given my experience since law school of repeated layoffs and difficulties in finding work, plus the astonishing debt load, I've actually questioned whether I'd have been better off skipping law school entirely."

-Male, currently unemployed

"I do not consider law school a good investment due to loan debt vs. the stress that comes with the job and relatively low pay for the amount of education."

- Female, practicing lawyer, state or local government

- How are participating schools using the results?
- How do participating schools promote alumni participation?
- What are the benefits/value of the study and its results?



SAMPLE: Class of 2014

----- Class of 2014 -----

Satisfaction with Law School Skills-Based Preparation - Mean score*	All Participating Schools	XYZ Law School
<i>Employed Respondents</i>		
Business skills	3.4	3.2
Legal skills	4.1	4.1
Law practice management skills	2.9	2.8
Leadership skills	3.4	3.0
Client relationship skills	3.2	2.9
Ethics and professional responsibility	4.2	4.0

* Mean score on a 5-point scale where 5 equals "extremely satisfied" and 1 equals "extremely dissatisfied."

NEXT STUDY: Class of 2014

- Class of 2014 Study
- October 1, 2017 is the deadline for accepting schools into the study.
- Receive a substantial discount if commit to participate in study for three consecutive years.
- The survey link will remain open to alumni of all participating law schools until December 15, 2017.
- Click [here](#) for the participation form and email it to Jennifer Mandery, Director of Research for the NALP Foundation, at jmandery@nalpfoundation.org.

Questions





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