

SMU Dedman School of Law
Class of 2022 Summary Report

			Full-time Long-term Salaries				
	Number Reported	% of Reported	# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Total Reported = 270							
Gender Reported:							
Women							
Men							
Subtotal	262	100.0					
Race Reported:							
People of Color							
White/Caucasian							
Subtotal	244	100.0					
Gender & Race Reported:							
Women of Color							
Men of Color							
White/Caucasian Women							
White/Caucasian Men							
Subtotal	244	100.0					
Employment Status Known:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	247	92.5	200	80,000	110,000	215,000	134,843
JD Advantage	15	5.6	11	62,400	62,754	90,000	74,364
Other Professional	1	0.4	.	.	.	.	.
Start date after March 15, 2023	1	0.4	.	.	.	.	.
Not Employed-Not Seeking	3	1.1	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	267	100.0					
Note: Categories with no graduates reported are not shown. At least 5 salaries are required for each salary analysis. The non-binary or chose to self-identify category also includes graduates who selected multiple gender identities. Salaries for graduates in law firm solo practice have been excluded from the analysis.							

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Total Employed or Enrolled in Graduate Studies:							
Employed	263	98.5	212	77,000	100,000	215,000	131,352
Subtotal	263	98.5					
Employment by Sector:							
Private Sector	217	82.5	179	87,500	120,000	215,000	143,229
Public Sector	46	17.5	33	60,000	67,000	73,000	66,932
Subtotal	263	100.0					
Full-time or Part-time Job Status:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated: Full-time	247	93.9	200	80,000	110,000	215,000	134,843
JD Advantage: Full-time	15	5.7	11	62,400	62,754	90,000	74,364
Other Professional: Full-time	1	0.4	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	263	100.0					
Employment Categories:							
Education	2	0.8	.	.	.	.	.
Business	25	9.5	19	62,754	85,000	90,000	80,158
Judicial Clerk	17	6.5	11	57,953	66,000	67,000	63,777
Private Practice	192	73.0	160	90,000	162,500	215,000	150,718
Government	20	7.6	14	65,000	75,000	77,480	72,565
Public Interest	7	2.7	6	54,000	64,900	70,000	63,967
Subtotal	263	100.0					
Note: Categories with no graduates reported are not shown. At least 5 salaries are required for each salary analysis. Private sector includes jobs in law firms and business. All other jobs are considered public sector. Employment by sector does not include graduates for whom employer type was not reported. Salaries for graduates in law firm solo practice have been excluded from the analysis.							

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Education Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	1	50.0
Other Professional	1	50.0
Subtotal	2	100.0					
Business Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	12	48.0	9	85,000	90,000	90,000	89,444
JD Advantage	13	52.0	10	62,400	62,754	85,000	71,801
Subtotal	25	100.0					
Private Practice Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	191	99.5	159	90,000	165,000	215,000	151,037
JD Advantage	1	0.5
Subtotal	192	100.0					
Government Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	19	95.0	14	65,000	75,000	77,480	72,565
JD Advantage	1	5.0
Subtotal	20	100.0					
Judicial Clerkships:							
Federal	13	76.5	8	65,500	66,500	69,000	66,325
State	4	23.5
Subtotal	17	100.0					
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Public Interest Jobs:							
Bar Passage Required/Anticipated	7	100.0	6	54,000	64,900	70,000	63,967
Subtotal	7	100.0					
Size of Law Firm (by # of Attorneys):							
1-10	56	29.2	36	75,000	80,000	95,000	83,428
11-25	26	13.5	21	80,000	90,000	110,000	95,429
26-50	12	6.3	9	110,000	120,000	135,000	121,111
51-100	13	6.8	11	90,000	95,000	170,000	115,909
101-250	11	5.7	11	115,000	175,000	215,000	170,455
251-500	15	7.8	14	185,000	215,000	215,000	199,286
501+	59	30.7	58	215,000	215,000	215,000	208,233
Subtotal	192	100.0					
Type of Law Firm Job:							
Associate/Entry-level Attorney	181	94.8	151	90,000	170,000	215,000	154,104
Staff Attorney	5	2.6	5	105,000	115,000	115,000	102,400
Law Clerk	4	2.1
Manager/administrator	1	0.5
Subtotal	191	100.0					
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Jobs Taken by Region:							
Mid-Atlantic	2	0.8
E North Central	1	0.4
W North Central	4	1.5
South Atlantic	9	3.4
E South Central	3	1.1
W South Central	234	89.7	195	80,000	110,000	215,000	135,118
Mountain	3	1.1
Pacific	3	1.1
US Territories	2	0.8
Subtotal	261	100.0					
Location of Jobs:							
In-State	233	89.3	194	80,000	110,000	215,000	135,428
Out of State	28	10.7	16	68,500	78,000	94,000	89,563
Subtotal	261	100.0					
# States and Territories with Employed Grads:							
	19
Total #	19	.					
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	Number Reported	% of Reported
Source of Job:		
On-campus interview (OCI) program	73	27.9
Internship/externship experience	25	9.5
Responded to career services office job posting	71	27.1
Non-career services office job posting	10	3.8
Clerkship application process or OSCAR	8	3.1
Referral	34	13.0
Self-initiated contact/networking	34	13.0
Temp agency	2	0.8
Other	5	1.9
Subtotal	262	100.0
Timing of Job Offer:		
Before graduation	157	70.4
After graduation	66	29.6
Subtotal	223	100.0
Search Status of Employed Grads:		
Seeking a different job	14	6.2
Not seeking a different job	211	93.8
Subtotal	225	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	2	.
Business	25	.
Judicial Clerk	16	1
Private Practice	192	.
Government	20	.
Public Interest	7	.
Total Reported	262	1
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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