

SMU Dedman School of Law
Class of 2025 Summary Report

			Full-time Long-term Salaries				
	Number Reported	% of Reported	# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Total Reported = 225							
Gender Reported:							
Male	191	84.9	191	105,000	162,000	225,000	160,051
Female	28	12.4	28	105,000	162,000	225,000	160,051
Non-binary or chose to self-identify	6	2.7	6	105,000	162,000	225,000	160,051
Employment Status Known:							
Bar Admission Required/Anticipated	213	94.7	201	105,000	162,000	225,000	160,051
JD Advantage	8	3.6	.	.	.	.	.
Enrolled in Graduate Studies	4	1.8	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	225	100.0					
Note: Categories with no graduates reported are not shown. At least five 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 are reported only for full-time, long-term positions. 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:							
Enrolled in Graduate Studies	4	1.8	.	.	.	.	.
Employed	221	98.2	202	105,000	161,000	225,000	159,538
Subtotal	225	100.0					
Employment by Sector:							
Private Sector	197	89.1	180	115,000	177,500	225,000	169,029
Public Sector	24	10.9	22	77,000	80,000	85,000	81,882
Subtotal	221	100.0					
Full-time or Part-time Job Status:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated: Full-time	213	96.4	201	105,000	162,000	225,000	160,051
JD Advantage: Full-time	8	3.6	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	221	100.0					
Employment Categories:							
Business	12	5.4	6	100,001	122,500	150,000	120,000
Judicial Clerkships	8	3.6	7	80,000	80,000	84,000	80,474
Private Practice	185	83.7	174	115,000	182,500	225,000	170,720
Government	15	6.8	14	77,000	81,500	88,434	83,435
Public Interest	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	221	100.0					
Note: Categories with no graduates reported are not shown. At least five 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 are reported only for full-time, long-term positions. Salaries for graduates in law firm solo practice have been excluded from the analysis.							

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Business Jobs:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	6	50.0	6	100,001	122,500	150,000	120,000
JD Advantage	6	50.0	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	12	100.0					
Private Practice Jobs:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	184	99.5	174	115,000	182,500	225,000	170,720
JD Advantage	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	185	100.0					
Government Jobs:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	14	93.3	13	77,000	83,000	88,434	85,514
JD Advantage	1	6.7	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	15	100.0					
Judicial Clerkships:							
Federal	8	100.0	7	80,000	80,000	84,000	80,474
Subtotal	8	100.0					
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Public Interest Jobs:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	1	100.0	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	1	100.0					
Size of Law Firm (by # of Attorneys):							
1-10	29	15.7	23	86,600	100,000	120,000	107,678
11-25	20	10.8	18	100,000	109,000	115,000	118,525
26-50	19	10.3	19	110,000	120,000	140,000	125,447
51-100	17	9.2	15	105,000	165,000	180,000	146,981
101-250	14	7.6	13	120,000	160,000	190,000	160,385
251-500	10	5.4	10	200,000	207,500	225,000	211,000
501+	76	41.1	76	225,000	225,000	225,000	214,632
Subtotal	185	100.0					
Type of Law Firm Job:							
Associate/Entry-level Attorney	180	97.3	172	115,000	185,000	225,000	171,717
Law Clerk	5	2.7	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	185	100.0					
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Jobs Taken by Region:							
Mid-Atlantic	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
E North Central	2	0.9	.	.	.	.	.
South Atlantic	4	1.8	.	.	.	.	.
W South Central	211	95.5	195	105,000	165,000	225,000	160,242
Mountain	1	0.5	.	.	.	.	.
Pacific	2	0.9	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	221	100.0					
Location of Jobs:							
In-State	210	95.0	194	105,000	165,000	225,000	160,783
Out of State	11	5.0	8	79,217	115,500	182,500	129,340
Subtotal	221	100.0					
# States and Territories with Employed Grads:							
	8	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total #	8	.					
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	Number Reported	% of Reported
Source of Job:		
Career office recruitment program (e.g., OCI)	72	32.7
Job fair or career conference	3	1.4
Career office job posting	17	7.7
Non-career office job posting	6	2.7
Clerkship application process or OSCAR	6	2.7
Returned to or continued with pre-law school employer	2	0.9
Referral	6	2.7
Self-initiated contact/networking	24	10.9
Other	84	38.2
Subtotal	220	100.0
Timing of Job Offer:		
Before graduation	177	80.1
After graduation	44	19.9
Subtotal	221	100.0
Search Status of Employed Grads:		
Seeking a different job	9	4.4
Not seeking a different job	197	95.6
Subtotal	206	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:		
Business	12	.
Judicial Clerkships	8	.
Private Practice	185	.
Government	15	.
Public Interest	1	.
Total Reported	221	.
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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