

SMU Dedman School of Law
Class of 2024 Summary Report

			Full-time Long-term Salaries				
	Number Reported	% of Reported	# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Total Reported = 247							
Employment Status Known:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	219	88.7	205	94,000	125,000	225,000	149,206
JD Advantage	22	8.9	10	75,000	85,000	100,000	89,740
Enrolled in Graduate Studies	4	1.6	.	.	.	.	.
Employed-Start Date after March 17, 2025	1	0.4	.	.	.	.	.
Not Employed-Seeking	1	0.4	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	247	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	1.6
Employed	241	97.6	215	90,000	120,000	225,000	146,440
Subtotal	245	99.2					
Employment by Sector:							
Private Sector	210	87.1	189	100,000	140,000	225,000	156,063
Public Sector	31	12.9	26	70,000	75,500	81,948	76,484
Subtotal	241	100.0					
Full-time or Part-time Job Status:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated: Full-time	219	90.9	205	94,000	125,000	225,000	149,206
JD Advantage: Full-time	21	8.7	10	75,000	85,000	100,000	89,740
JD Advantage: Part-time	1	0.4	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	241	100.0					
Employment Categories:							
Education	1	0.4	.	.	.	.	.
Business	23	9.5	11	80,000	110,000	150,000	122,545
Judicial Clerkships	9	3.7	7	70,000	72,553	75,000	71,704
Private Practice	187	77.6	178	100,000	155,000	225,000	158,135
Government	18	7.5	15	70,000	80,000	90,000	79,016
Public Interest	3	1.2	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	241	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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Education Jobs:							
JD Advantage	1	100.0
Subtotal	1	100.0					
Business Jobs:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	5	21.7	5	120,000	120,000	165,000	153,000
JD Advantage	18	78.3	6	75,000	90,000	108,000	97,167
Subtotal	23	100.0					
Private Practice Jobs:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	187	100.0	178	100,000	155,000	225,000	158,135
Subtotal	187	100.0					
Government Jobs:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	15	83.3	12	72,500	78,447	82,045	78,820
JD Advantage	3	16.7
Subtotal	18	100.0					
Judicial Clerkships:							
Federal	6	66.7	6	72,553	73,777	75,000	73,988
State	2	22.2
Local	1	11.1
Subtotal	9	100.0					
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Public Interest Jobs:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	3	100.0
Subtotal	3	100.0					
Size of Law Firm (by # of Attorneys):							
1-10	38	20.3	34	85,000	98,000	110,000	100,338
11-25	25	13.4	25	94,000	105,000	115,000	115,260
26-50	17	9.1	17	95,000	105,000	112,000	109,647
51-100	16	8.6	15	85,000	130,000	155,000	122,733
101-250	7	3.7	7	110,000	170,000	190,000	159,286
251-500	15	8.0	11	170,000	225,000	225,000	202,045
501+	69	36.9	69	225,000	225,000	225,000	214,674
Subtotal	187	100.0					
Type of Law Firm Job:							
Associate/Entry-level Attorney	177	94.7	172	105,000	162,500	225,000	160,686
Staff Attorney	1	0.5
Law Clerk	8	4.3	5	75,000	75,000	90,000	79,000
Paralegal	1	0.5
Subtotal	187	100.0					
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Jobs Taken by Region:							
New England	1	0.4
Mid-Atlantic	2	0.8
E North Central	2	0.8
South Atlantic	5	2.1
W South Central	223	93.3	200	94,500	130,000	225,000	149,568
Mountain	3	1.3
Pacific	2	0.8
US Territories	1	0.4
Subtotal	239	100.0					
Location of Jobs:							
In-State	222	92.9	199	95,000	130,000	225,000	149,943
Out of State	17	7.1	14	75,000	91,500	108,000	107,321
Subtotal	239	100.0					
# States and Territories with Employed Grads:							
	13
Total #	13	.					
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	Number Reported	% of Reported
Source of Job:		
Career office recruitment program (e.g., OCI)	72	30.0
Job fair or career conference	6	2.5
Career office job posting	30	12.5
Non-career office job posting	7	2.9
Clerkship application process or OSCAR	6	2.5
Returned to or continued with pre-law school employer	4	1.7
Referral	23	9.6
Self-initiated contact/networking	23	9.6
Other	69	28.8
Subtotal	240	100.0
Timing of Job Offer:		
Before graduation	176	73.9
After graduation	62	26.1
Subtotal	238	100.0
Search Status of Employed Grads:		
Seeking a different job	12	5.4
Not seeking a different job	210	94.6
Subtotal	222	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	1	.
Business	23	.
Judicial Clerkships	9	.
Private Practice	187	.
Government	18	.
Public Interest	3	.
Total Reported	241	.
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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