Melbourne JD
Outstanding Employment Outcomes

A survey of 2014 Melbourne Law School JD graduates shows strong employment results, with 98 per cent employment and 73 per cent of those employed working as a legal graduate (trainee, barrister, solicitor, or judge’s associate) and many others working in other legal or graduate roles.

The survey, conducted 18 months after graduates completed law school, reveals that more than 120 different employers from the legal and non-legal sectors employed our graduates. Graduates are employed in national and international law firms, courts, community law, government departments, statutory bodies, business and management consulting firms, showing the wide range of possibilities available to our law graduates.

The results are also outstanding for the class of 2013, with a survey conducted 16 months after completing law school revealing nearly 60 per cent of graduates working in legal graduate positions and a further 23 per cent in other graduate roles.

“The well-trodden paths aren’t the only ones that lead to fantastic places. One career can involve a varied and rich collection of experiences, and the benefit of receiving a world-class education such as the JD means that the opportunities that are available to you (whether legal or otherwise) are endless.”

Aria Wong
Melbourne JD Graduate, 2015
Graduate Lawyer, Herbert Smith Freehills
Understanding the survey results

In recent years there has been considerable media attention given to employment outcomes for law graduates. While the government collects data about job outcomes from various courses around the country, this is done only a few months after graduation and does not include information about the types of jobs that graduates obtain.

Many law graduates can still be completing their practical legal training (PLT) when government collects this data and we know that while some graduates find employment directly after law school, others find work after completing PLT and some take a little longer to find employment.

In order to provide a clearer picture of career outcomes, MLS decided to undertake a survey of graduates 18 months after completing law school.

To help you understand the language used in the graphs:

- **Legal graduate positions** include those employed as a graduate trainee, solicitor, barrister or judge’s associate.
- **Other legal roles** include roles such as a paralegal, legal researcher or other roles working with law firms or barristers.
- **Other graduate positions** are those that require a graduate degree but not necessarily a law degree, for example a graduate position in a government department, business, management consultancies, tax firms and other similar employers.
- **Other general roles** are those that might not require a law degree and are not related directly to law. Some, however, are very interesting roles with good potential for a future career.

The surveys include results from 80 per cent of the 2014 cohort and over 90 per cent of the 2013 cohort. This means that the data is robust and gives a good picture of employment outcomes. The results cover hundreds of graduates and many of the employers listed in the following pages (particularly the national and international law firms and the Supreme Court) employed a number of our graduates.

What does this mean for me?

The fact that we have certain outcomes in a given year does not guarantee that those results will be consistent over time – the position for law graduates may get better or worse depending on the economy and other factors.

The results rely on the veracity of the data reported to us but they also correlate with data we have from other sources (for example interviews with law firms about their employment of our graduates, which we undertake annually). We believe they give a broadly accurate overview of the careers outcomes for our graduates in recent years.

We will repeat this survey each year in the interests of providing the best data and information we can about job opportunities to both our current and potential students.
EMPLOYERS

Listed below are employers who have hired our graduates from the JD class of 2014. They include a range of law and non-law employers. It provides a useful reminder to current law students about the range of potential employers and sectors in which a law degree is considered valuable.

### LAW FIRMS
- Abrahams Meese Lawyers
- Aiken Partners
- Alderuccio Solicitors
- Aliens Linklaters
- Arnold Bloch Leibler
- Ashurst
- Baker & McKenzie
- Barry Nilsson Lawyers
- Claredon Lawyers
- Clayton Utz
- Clothier Anderson Immigration Lawyers
- Clyde & Co
- Colin Biggers & Paisley
- Cornwall Stodart
- Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- DLA Piper
- Erskine Rodan & Associates
- Evans Ellis Lawyers
- Evans Family Lawyers
- Fleming & Rhoden Lawyers
- Foster Nicholson Jones Lawyers
- Gadens
- Gilbert + Tobin
- Hall & Wilcox
- Herbert Smith Freehills
- Holding Redlich
- Hoyle Da Silva Lawyers
- HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
- James Dowsey & Associates
- K&L Gates
- Kelly Hazell Quill Lawyers
- King & Wood Mallesons
- Kliger Partners
- KPMG Law
- Lamplugh McIntosh Lawyers
- Lander & Rogers
- Linklaters
- Macpherson Kelley
- Maddocks
- Mansour Lawyers
- Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
- McDonald Murholme
- McKays
- MDP Law
- Mills Oakley
- Minter Ellison
- Moores
- Nerlich Lawyers
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
- Ouk Legal Group
- Patten Robins Lawyers
- Pinsent Masons
- Piper Alderman
- Pointon Partners
- Rigby Cooke Lawyers
- Russell Kennedy Lawyers
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates
- Sladen Legal
- Slater and Gordon Lawyers
- T F Grundy Lawyer
- Thomson Geer Lawyers
- Turks Legal
- Varrasso Legal
- Wisewould Mahony Lawyers
- Zervos Lawyers

### LEGAL - COMMUNITY LAW
- Goulburn Valley Community Legal Centre
- Hume Riverina Community Legal Centre
- South East Community Legal Service

### LEGAL - COURTS
- Family Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Victoria
- Victorian Bar

### LEGAL - GOVERNMENT
- Family Violence Protection Legal Service
- Office of Public Prosecutions
- Victoria Legal Aid
- Victorian Government Solicitor’s Office

### LEGAL - NGO
- Justice Connect

### LEGAL - REGULATOR / STATUTORY BODY
- ACCC
- Fair Work Commission

### BUSINESS
- Aon Australia
- Asahi Shimbun
- Boston Consulting Group
- Cinelou Films
- Ernst & Young
- IFM Investors
- KPMG
- Macquarie Capital
- Macquarie Group
- Nous Group
- PCI Partners
- PwC
- Regan Arts
- Shell
- Shibao1.com
- Telstra
- UNIFIED
- Westpac
- Woolworths Limited
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“We are delighted that in the most recent survey, the class of 2014 report an employment rate of 98 per cent, with nearly three quarters employed in law and many others employed in good graduate positions. In a difficult market, this is an outstanding outcome and sets up our graduates well for their careers.”

Carolyn Evans
Dean, Melbourne Law School
Harrison Moore Professor of Law

EMPLOYERS [cont’d]

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
- Australian Taxation Office
- Department of Education
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Department of Human Services
- The Treasury
- Tim Watts MP (Federal Member for Gellibrand)

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT
- Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- State Revenue Office
- Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT)

EDUCATION
- La Trobe University
- Northcote High School

NGO
- Royal Commission Task Group, Uniting Church Australia
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Victorian AIDS Council

REGULATOR / STATUTORY BODY
- ASIC
- APRA
- National Disability Insurance Agency
- Office of the Commissioner for Privacy and Data Protection
- Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman
- Victorian Essential Services Commission

UNION
- United Voice

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