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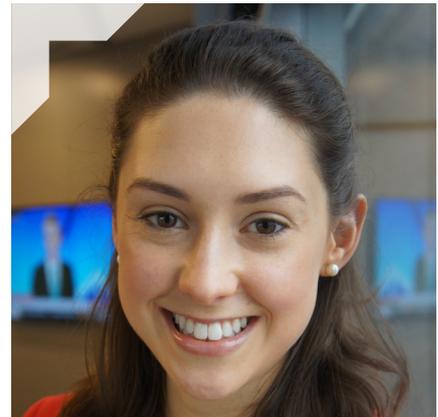


Melbourne JD Outstanding Employment Outcomes

A survey of Melbourne Law School JD graduates of 2015 shows strong employment results with 96 per cent of those surveyed in employment and a further two per cent studying in prestigious international universities. Of those employed, 69 per cent are working as legal graduates (trainees, solicitors, or judge's associates) and many others are working in other legal or graduate roles.

The survey, taken 18 months after graduates completed law school, reveals that more than 105 different employers from the legal and non-legal sectors employed our graduates. Graduates are employed in national and international law firms, courts, community law organisations, government departments, businesses and statutory bodies, showing the wide range of possibilities available to our graduates.

The class of 2015 survey results are consistent with the strong results recorded for the classes of 2013 and 2014. A survey conducted of 2013 graduates, 16 months after graduation, revealed 92 per cent of graduates were employed. The survey of the class of 2014, conducted 18 months after graduation, revealed that 98 per cent of graduates were employed.



“The Melbourne JD not only provides you with a first-class education, but the range of extra-curricular activities really enhances your skills and what you can take away into the workplace. I have found in my time in the profession, that wherever you go, whether a seminar or a client meeting, you will come across a graduate of MLS and you feel a part of a broader community.”

Natasha Robbins (above)
Melbourne JD Graduate 2015,
Lawyer, Gilbert + Tobin

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) at this time. We know that while some students 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, Melbourne Law School decided to undertake a survey of graduates 18 months after graduating.

To help you understand the language used in the graphs:

- **Legal graduate positions** include those employed as a graduate trainee, a solicitor or a 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 graduate programs in government, business, management consultancies, tax firms and other similar employers. These roles do not require a law degree but the law degree increases the graduates competitiveness for the role.
- **Other general roles** are roles that are not part of a formal graduate program and might not require a law degree, but are very interesting roles with good potential for a future career.

The survey includes results from 81 per cent of the 2015 cohort. This means that the data is robust and gives a good picture of employment

outcomes. The results cover hundreds of graduates and the employers are listed in the following pages.

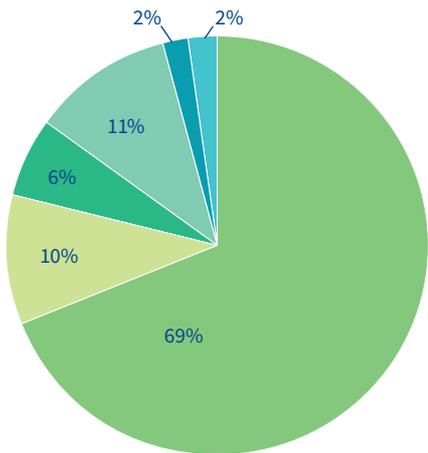
What does this mean for me?

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 are also correlated with data we have from other sources (e.g. interviews with law firms about their employment of our students, which we undertake annually). We believe that they give you a broadly accurate overview of the careers outcomes for our graduates in recent years.

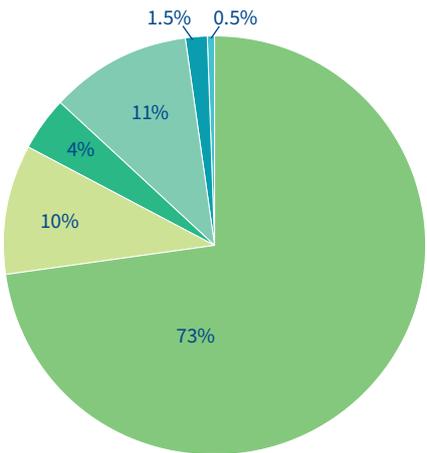
We will repeat this survey each year in the interests of providing the best data and information we can about job opportunities to both our current and potential students.

Employment Outcomes: 2015 JD graduates, 18 months after graduating



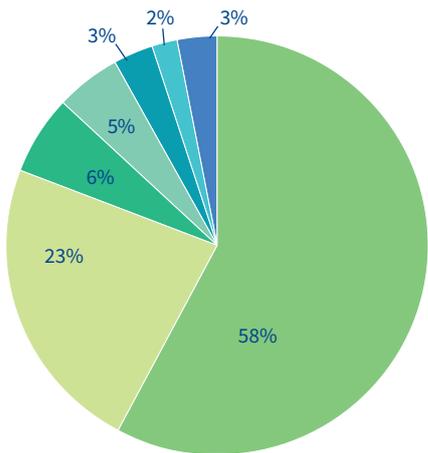
- Legal graduate positions
- Other graduate positions
- Other legal roles
- Other general roles
- Continuing to look for work
- Undertaking full-time study

Employment Outcomes: 2014 JD graduates, 18 months after graduating



- Legal graduate positions
- Other graduate positions
- Other legal roles
- Other general roles
- Continuing to look for work
- Undertaking full-time study

Employment Outcomes: 2013 JD graduates, 16 months after graduating



- Legal graduate positions
- Other graduate positions
- Other legal roles
- Other general roles
- Continuing to look for work
- Undertaking full-time study
- Undertaking part-time work

Employers

Listed below are employers who have hired our JD graduates from the JD class of 2015. 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

- Allen & Overy
- Allens
- Altus Lawyers
- Arnold Bloch Leibler
- Arnold Thomas & Becker Lawyers
- Ashurst
- Baker McKenzie
- Bartlett Workplace
- BDO Australia
- Bespoke
- Boutique Lawyers
- Brooks Hall Lawyers
- Clarendon Lawyers
- Clayton Utz
- Clifford Chance
- Colin Biggers & Paisley
- Cornwall Stodart
- Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP
- Dawson Cornwell
- DLA Piper
- FAL Lawyers
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Gadens
- Gilbert + Tobin
- Go To Court Lawyers
- Hall & Wilcox
- Herbert Smith Freehills
- Hive Legal
- Holding Redlich
- Hunt & Hunt Lawyers
- HWL Ebsworth
- K&L Gates
- King & Wood Mallesons
- Lander & Rogers
- Leanne Warren & Associates
- Linklaters
- Maddocks
- Maurice Blackburn

- McDonald Murholme
- McMahon Fearnley Lawyers
- Media Arts Lawyers
- Mills Oakley
- MinterEllison
- Nevile & Co
- Plexus Legal
- Pointon Partners
- Ponte Business Lawyers
- Robinson Gill Lawyers
- Russell Kennedy Lawyers
- Sabelberg Morcos Lawyers
- Thexton Lawyers
- Waverley Law

LEGAL – COMMUNITY LAW

- Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia
- Inner Melbourne Community Legal
- Fitzroy Legal Service
- JobWatch Inc
- Law and Advocacy Centre for Women
- Legal Aid New South Wales
- Legal Aid Society of Hawaii
- South East Community Legal Service
- Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service

LEGAL – GOVERNMENT

- Australian Government Solicitor
- Office of Public Prosecutions (Victoria)
- Victorian Government Solicitor's Office

LEGAL – COURTS

- County Court of Victoria
- Federal Court of Australia
- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Victoria

LEGAL – REGULATORY / STATUTORY BODY

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
- Financial Ombudsman Office
- Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman
- Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission

EDUCATION

- Swinburne Law School

BUSINESS

- Actual IT
- AIA Australia
- ANZ

- Boston Consulting Group
- Beaton Research + Consulting
- Consulting
- Coles
- Deloitte
- Goldman Sachs
- Kogan.com
- KPMG
- Lazard
- Learning First
- Manheim Australia
- Nestlé Australia
- Newcrest Mining
- Nous Group
- PwC
- SLM Corporate
- Tanarra Capital
- Telix Pharmaceuticals
- The Automobile Association, London
- Xakia Technologies

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Australian Taxation Office
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- The Treasury

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT

- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Justice and Regulation
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- State Revenue Office

OTHER GOVERNMENT

- Northern Territory Government

NGO

- Amnesty International
- Planetshakers Church

“Our survey of the Melbourne JD class of 2015 revealed an employment rate of 96 per cent, with over two-thirds of graduates surveyed employed in legal graduate positions and many others in graduate roles. This sets up our graduates well for their careers.”

Jenny Morgan
Dean, Melbourne Law School

