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## Melbourne JD Outstanding Employment Outcomes

A survey of 2016 Melbourne Law School Juris Doctor (JD) graduates shows strong employment results with 95 per cent of those surveyed in employment. Of those employed, 70 per cent are working as legal graduates (trainees with law firms, solicitors, or judges' associates) and many others are working in other legal or generalist graduate roles.

The survey, taken 18 months after completion of the Melbourne JD, reveals that more than 120 employers from the legal and non-legal sectors employed our graduates. These employers include international and national law firms, courts, community legal centres, government departments, statutory bodies and firms in the private sector, demonstrating the diverse range of careers our graduates go into.

The survey had a response rate of 79 per cent. This means the data is robust and gives a realistic picture of employment outcomes. The employers are listed in the following pages. The class of 2016 survey results are consistent with the strong results for the class of 2015, which had an employment rate of 96 per cent 18 months after graduation.

Melbourne JD graduates have strong **employment outcomes with a 95% employment rate.**

*Melbourne Law School class of 2016 graduate survey (conducted 18 months after completion of degree, with a 79% response rate)*



“It is not only the academic skills, but the practical skills I learned during my study at Melbourne Law School that have helped me in my career. These skills not only helped me get a job in the commercial legal sector, but have also ensured I can make unique and valuable contributions in my workplace.”

Blake Connell  
Melbourne JD Graduate 2016  
Solicitor (Technology, Media and Telecommunications)  
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 Australian Government Department of Education and Training publishes data about the job outcomes of Australian university students, this is collected only four months after graduation and does not include detailed information about the types of jobs that graduates obtain.

We know that while some students find employment directly after law school, others can take longer to do so. Many law graduates can still be completing their practical legal training (PLT) at this time.

In order to provide a clearer picture of career outcomes, Melbourne Law School undertakes an annual survey of graduates, 18 months after completion of their degree

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 positions such as paralegals and legal researchers, often working with law firms or with barristers.
- 'Other graduate positions' are formal programs primarily in the government and business sectors. A law degree is not a requirement of the role but may increase a graduate's competitiveness for the position.
- 'Other general roles' include a diverse range of positions that are not part of a formal graduate program and might not require a law degree.

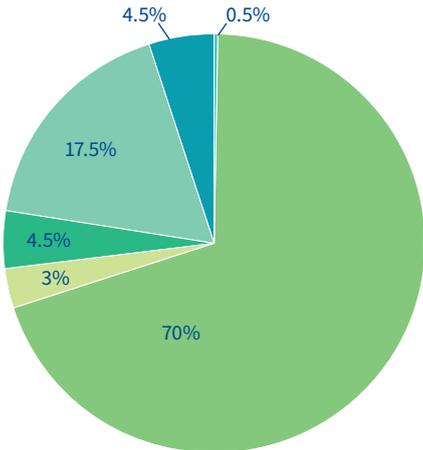
**Data collection summary**

Melbourne Law School publishes the Careers Outcomes survey annually in the interest of providing accurate information about job opportunities for both current and future students.

The results rely on the veracity of the data reported to us but are also correlated with data from other sources, for example, from our annual interviews with law firms and other organisations where graduates work. We believe the results provide a broadly accurate overview of the careers outcomes for our graduates in recent years.

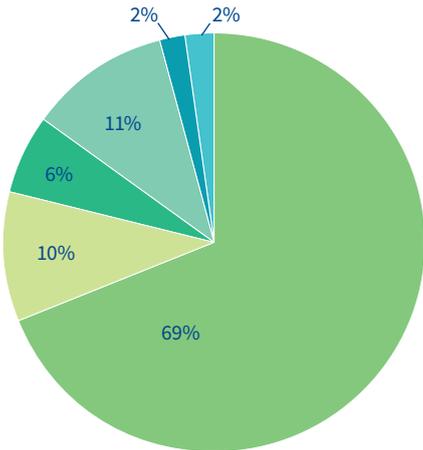
The fact that we have certain outcomes in a given year does not guarantee that those results will be consistent over time; the employability for law graduates may fluctuate depending on the economy and other factors.

**Employment Outcomes: 2016 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: 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

# Employers

The organisations listed here hired Melbourne Law School graduates from the JD class of 2016. The list provides a useful reminder to current and future law students about the range of careers in which a law degree is considered valuable.

## LAW FIRMS

- Abrahams Meese Lawyers
- Addleshaw Goddard
- Adviceline Injury Lawyers
- Aitken Partners
- Allens
- Arnold Bloch Leibler
- Arnold Thomas & Becker
- Ashurst
- Atticus Lawyers & Advisors
- Australian Family Lawyers
- Baker McKenzie
- Bespoke
- Breyer Rechtsanwälte
- Carina Ford Immigration Lawyers
- CIE Legal
- Clayton Utz
- Clothier Anderson Immigration Lawyers
- Colin Biggers & Paisley
- Cornwall Stodart
- Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- Davies Collison Cave
- Dawes & Vary Riordan
- De Silva Hebron Barristers and Solicitors
- DLA Piper
- Doogue + George
- FB Rice
- Gadens
- Gilbert + Tobin
- Hall & Wilcox
- Harding Stenning & Co Lawyers
- Hentys Lawyers
- Herbert Smith Freehills
- Hiways Law
- HMB Employment Lawyers
- Holding Redlich
- Hoyle Da Silva Lawyers
- Hunan Tiandiren Law Firm
- Hunt & Hunt
- Hutchinson Legal
- HWL Ebsworth
- Justitia Lawyers & Consultants
- K&L Gates
- Kah Lawyers

- Kelvin Chia Yangon Ltd
- King & Wood Mallesons
- Lander & Rogers
- Lexvoco
- Ligeti Partners Lawyers
- Lincoln Lawyers & Consultants
- Linklaters
- Maddocks
- Marshalls + Dent + Wilmoth Lawyers
- Maurice Blackburn
- Mills Oakley
- MinterEllison
- MolinoCahill Lawyers
- Nevile & Co Commercial Lawyers
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Partners Legal
- Piper Alderman
- Planning & Property Partners
- Plexus
- Rotstein Commercial Lawyers
- Russell Kennedy Lawyers
- Slater and Gordon
- Stan Kwong & Associates
- Tao Jiang Lawyers
- TF Grundy Lawyer
- Thomson Geer
- Unfair Dismissals Direct
- V Lin & Co Solicitors
- Viska Lawyers & Advisors
- White & Case
- WMB Lawyers

## LEGAL – COMMUNITY LAW

- Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles
- North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
- Victoria Legal Aid

## LEGAL – GOVERNMENT

- Attorney General's Department
- Victorian Government Solicitor's Office

## LEGAL – COURTS

- County Court of Victoria
- Family Court of Australia
- Federal Circuit Court of Australia
- Federal Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of New South Wales
- Supreme Court of Victoria

## LEGAL – TRIBUNAL

- Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal

## EDUCATION

- Judicial College of Victoria
- RMIT University
- Trinity College
- University of Melbourne (Networked Society Institute)
- University of New South Wales
- Victoria University

## BUSINESS

- Bopo Womens
- Coles
- Deague Group
- Deloitte
- Dixon Appointments
- EY
- Flagstaff Partners
- Goldman Sachs
- Good Cycles
- KPMG
- Macquarie Group
- Marriner Group
- National Australia Bank
- Neota Logic
- PwC
- Singapore Airlines
- SIPS
- SNB Accounting
- Statecraft
- Suncorp Group

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Australian Taxation Office
- Department of Communications and the Arts
- Department of Human Services

## VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT

- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Environmental Protection Authority Victoria
- Level Crossing Removal Authority
- Transport Accident Commission
- Victoria Police

## OTHER GOVERNMENT

- Anindilyakwa Land Council
- Office of the Auditor General of Alberta

## NGO

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- International Commission of Jurists
- Uniting Church in Australia
- Victorian Hospitals' Industrial Association



“Our survey of the Melbourne JD class of 2016 revealed an employment rate of 95 per cent 18 months after the completion of their degree. This is an excellent result. We strive to enable students to locate employment in their preferred sector and thank employers, alumni and students for their constructive advice.”

Professor Pip Nicholson,  
Dean, Melbourne Law School

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