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Outstanding employment outcomes with the Melbourne JD

A survey of 2018 Melbourne JD (Juris Doctor) graduates has shown outstanding employment results, with 92 per cent of those surveyed in full-time employment. Of those employed, 76 per cent are working as legal graduates (trainees with law firms, solicitors, or judges' associates), while the remainder are working in other legal or generalist graduate roles.

The Career Outcomes survey, taken 18 months after completion of the Melbourne JD, reveals that more than 100 employers from the legal and non-legal sectors employed our graduates. These employers, listed in the following pages, 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 enter into.

With a response rate of 90 per cent, the survey gives a robust and realistic picture of employment outcomes. Despite significant impacts of COVID-19 on the job market, the class of 2018 survey results shows that our graduates remain highly competitive.

Melbourne JD graduates have strong **employment outcomes with a 92% full-time employment rate.**

Melbourne Law School class of 2018 graduate survey (conducted 18 months after completion of degree, with a 90 per cent response rate)



“Thanks to the Melbourne JD I have far more confidence in my ability to work through difficult scenarios, to troubleshoot and to think critically. These skills are invaluable for the work I do with legal applications, artificial intelligence and incoming legal technologies. I am also grateful that Melbourne Law School offers such a unique and practical elective such as Law Apps. It opened my mind to the opportunities that technology can provide in terms of access to justice. Melbourne Law School provides a key that opens doors to so many wonderful experiences.”

Erin Kanygin
Transformation 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 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 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 the completion of their degree.

To help clarify the language used in the graphs, please see below:

- ‘Legal graduate positions’ includes those employed as a graduate lawyer, a solicitor or a judge’s associate.
- ‘Other legal roles’ includes positions such as paralegals and legal researchers, often working with law firms or barristers.
- ‘Other graduate positions’ denotes 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’ includes a diverse range of positions that are not part of a formal graduate program and might not require a law degree.

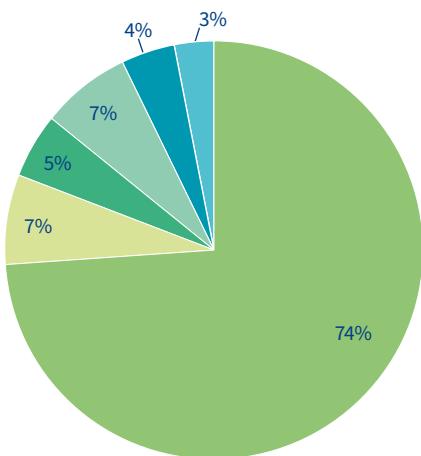
Data collection summary

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 as well as data obtained from other sources – for example, our annual interviews with law firms and other organisations where graduates work. We believe the results provide a broadly accurate overview of the career outcomes for our graduates in recent years.

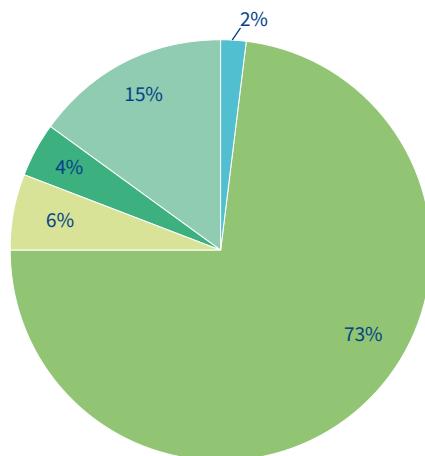
The fact that we have certain outcomes in a given year does not guarantee that those results will be consistent over time. The employability for law graduates may fluctuate depending on the economy and other factors.

2018 graduate employment outcomes



- Legal graduate positions
- Other graduate positions
- Other legal positions
- Other general positions
- Continue to look for work
- Undertaking part time / casual work

2017 graduate employment outcomes



- Legal graduate positions
- Other graduate positions
- Other legal positions
- Other general positions
- Undertaking part time / casual work

Employers

The organisations listed here hired Melbourne Law School graduates from the JD class of 2018. 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

- Actuate IP
- Alan Shnider & Co. Lawyers
- Allen & Overy
- Allens
- Ark Legal
- Arnold Bloch Leibler
- Ashurst
- Baker McKenzie
- Balmer and Associates
- Barbante Personal Injury Lawyers
- Barry.Nilsson.
- Carina Ford Immigration Lawyers
- Clayton Utz
- Clifford Chance
- Colin Biggers & Paisley
- Conceptual
- Connaught
- Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- Coulter Roache
- Farrell Family Lawyers
- FSC Law
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Gadens
- Gilbert + Tobin
- Grant Thornton
- Hall & Wilcox
- Herbert Smith Freehills
- HMB Employment Lawyer
- Holding Redlich
- Hope Earle Lawyers
- HWL Ebsworth
- Jessop Kommezeroff
- Johnson Winter & Slattery
- K&L Gates
- King & Wood Mallesons
- Linklaters
- Maddocks
- Madison Marcus Law Firm
- Marquette IP
- Marshalls Dent Wilmoth
- Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
- Mcdonald Murholme Solicitors

- Mills Oakley
- MinterEllison
- Molino Cahill Lawyers
- Moray & Agnew Lawyers
- My Visa Immigration Law Advisory
- Nevett Ford Lawyers
- Nicholes Family Lawyers
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Pentana Stanton Lawyers
- Phi Finney McDonald
- Pinsent Masons
- Piper Alderman
- QR Lawyers
- Rightside Legal
- Russell Kennedy
- Seyfarth Shaw
- Slater and Gordon
- Souki Lawyers
- Spectre Linkers
- Switch Legal
- T F Grundy Lawyer
- White + Case
- Wiley
- Williams Winter Solicitors
- WLW Migration Lawyers

LEGAL - COMMUNITY LAW

- Consumer Action Law Centre
- Jobwatch Community Legal Centre
- Justice Connect
- Victoria Legal Aid
- Victorian Law Reform Commission

LEGAL - GOVERNMENT

- Office of Public Prosecutions
- Victorian Government Solicitor's Office

LEGAL - COURTS

- County Court of Victoria
- Court Services Victoria
- Family Court of Australia
- Federal Court of Australia
- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Victoria
- Supreme Court of Western Australia

LEGAL - TRIBUNAL

- Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal

EDUCATION

- Melbourne Polytechnic
- University of Melbourne

BUSINESS

- AON Insurance
- Clarity Workplace Solution
- Coles
- Deloitte
- EY-Parthenon
- FTI Consulting
- KPMG
- Lufthansa Group
- PwC
- UBS

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
- Australian Securities and Investment Commission
- Australian Taxation Office
- Department of Defence
- Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources
- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities, Regional Development and Communications
- Fair Work Commission
- Services Australia
- Transport Accident Commission

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT

- State Revenue Office Victoria
- Department of Premier and Cabinet

OTHER GOVERNMENT

- Transport Canberra and City Services

REGULATOR / STATUTORY BODY

- Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

NON-PROFIT

- High Resolves
- NPY Women's Council



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