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## Exceptional employment outcomes with the Melbourne JD

A survey of 2019 Melbourne JD (Juris Doctor) graduates has shown exceptional employment results, with 97 per cent of those surveyed in full-time employment. Of those employed, 83 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 120 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 84 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 2019 survey results show that our graduates remain highly competitive.

Melbourne JD graduates have strong **employment outcomes with a 97% full-time employment rate.**

*Melbourne Law School class of 2019 graduate survey (conducted 18 months after completion of degree, with a 84 per cent response rate)*



“The Melbourne JD is one of Australia’s most respected legal qualifications. My studies at Melbourne Law School have not only provided me with the fundamental legal skills which I require to excel in private practice, but have also instilled within me an enduring academic and philosophical curiosity. The Melbourne JD truly teaches you to think - deeply, and critically - and this is perhaps its highest honour. It unlocks a wealth of career possibilities which few other degrees can match, and I would recommend it to everyone, aspiring lawyers and non-lawyers alike.”

Harrie Bantick  
Associate  
Baker McKenzie

# Understanding the survey results

In recent years, there has been notable 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.

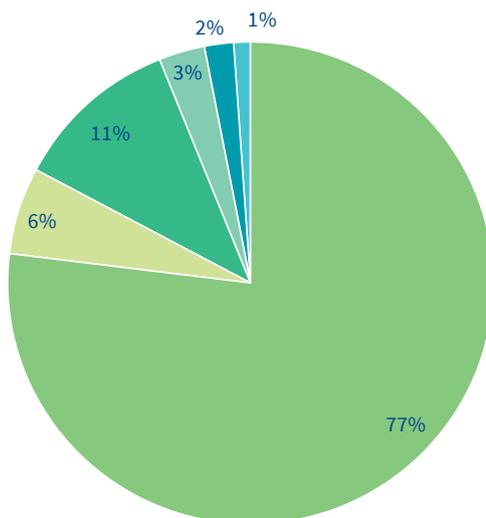
## Data collection summary

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.

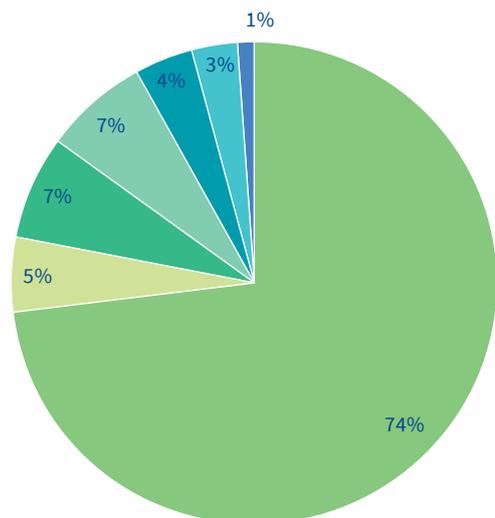
The fact that we have certain outcomes in a given year does not guarantee that those results will be consistent over time. The employability for law graduates may fluctuate depending on the economy and other factors.

2019 graduate employment outcomes



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

2018 graduate employment outcomes



- Legal graduate positions
- Other legal positions
- Other graduate positions
- Other general positions
- Continue to look for work / leave of absence
- Undertaking part time / casual work
- Undertaking full time study

# Employers

The organisations listed here hired Melbourne Law School graduates from the JD class of 2019. 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:

- Allen
- Ark Legal & Migration
- Arnold Bloch Leibler
- Ashurst
- Bain & Company
- Baker McKenzie
- Baraka lawyers
- Canaan Lawyers
- Clarendon Lawyers
- Clayton Utz
- Clifford Chance
- Corrs Chamber Westgarth
- David Lim & Partners LLP
- DLA Piper
- Eales and Mackenzie
- FAL Lawyers
- Fogarty Oliver & Rothschild
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Gilbert + Tobin
- Hall & Wilcox
- Hartley Lawyers
- Health Legal
- Hentys Lawyers
- Herbert Smith Freehills
- HG & Associate
- Hicks Oakley Chessell Williams
- Hodling Redlich
- Hope Earle Lawyers
- HWL Ebsworth
- K & L Gates
- Kearney
- King & Wood Mallesons
- KPMG Law
- Lander & Rogers
- Law in Order
- Maddocks
- Madison Marcus
- Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
- Maxiom Injury Lawyers
- MinterEllison
- MolinoCahill Lawyers
- Moray & Agnew
- Noble Lawyers
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Ouk Legal Group
- Parker Lawyers and Consultants
- Partners Legal
- Peter Szabo Family Law
- Piper Alderman
- Purcell Partners
- Quinn Emanuel
- Robert James Lawyers
- Russel Kennedy Lawyers
- Sinisgalli Foster Legal
- Sladen Legal
- Slater & King Lawyers
- Stamford Lawyers
- Stary Norton Halphen
- Stephens Lawyers & Consultants
- TAIT Lawyers
- Thomas Geer
- TurksLegal
- VM Family Lawyers
- White & Case LLP
- ZhongLun

## LEGAL – COMMUNITY LAW

- Victorian Legal Aid
- JobWatch Community Legal Centre
- Justice Connect
- Refugee Legal

## LEGAL – GOVERNMENT

- Attorney General Departments
- Australian Government Solicitor
- Commonwealth Attorney General's Department
- Office of the General Counsel
- Victoria Police
- Victorian Government Solicitor's Office

## LEGAL – COURTS

- County Court of Victoria
- Family Court of Victoria
- Family Court of Western Australia & Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia
- Federal Circuit Court
- Supreme Court of Victoria
- Victoria Bar

## LEGAL – TRIBUNAL

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- Victorian Ombudsman

## EDUCATION

- Apex Tuition
- Melbourne Law School
- The University of Melbourne

## BUSINESS

- BDO
- Deloitte
- Eastern Clinic Surgery
- Goldman Sachs
- Health Care Imaging Services
- Honan Insurance Group
- Hydro Tasmania
- Josef Legal
- KPMG
- LAB Group
- Mecca Brands
- National Australia Bank
- Neota Logic Inc
- PwC
- Shwe Rural & Urban Development Bank
- Splash Aqua Park & Leisure Centre
- St Vincent Hospital
- Target
- TE Connectivity
- Tesla Motors
- The Walt Disney Company

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- ACCC
- ASIC
- ATO
- Australian Federal Police

## VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT

- Department of Premier and Cabinet (Vic)
- Victorian Government

## REGULATOR / STATUTORY BODY

- Australian Financial Complaints Authority
- Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
- Equity Trustees

## NON-PROFIT

- Comparative ASEAN Animal Law Library (CAALL)
- Expression Australia
- Farmers for Climate Action
- United Workers Union
- Voice of the Martyrs



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