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Outstanding employment outcomes with the Melbourne JD

The Employment Outcomes survey of Class of 2020 Melbourne JD (Juris Doctor) graduates has shown exceptional employment results, with 94 per cent of those surveyed in full-time employment. Of those employed, 86 per cent are working in legal roles (law graduates, solicitors, or judges' associates, etc.), while the remainder of our graduates found fulfilling careers within the generalist roles within areas such as business and consulting, media and communications as well as government and politics.

The Career Outcomes survey, taken 18 months after completion of the Melbourne JD, reveals that over 120 employers ranging from both 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, private law firms as well as non-profit organisations demonstrating the diverse range of careers our graduates enter into.

With a response rate of 77 per cent, the survey gives a realistic picture of employment outcomes. Despite significant impacts of COVID-19 on the job market, the class of 2020 survey results show that our graduates remain highly competitive.

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**strong employment outcomes with a 94%
full-time employment rate.**

Melbourne Law School Class of 2020 Employment Outcomes survey (conducted 18 months after completion of degree, with a 77 per cent response rate)



“The Melbourne JD equipped me with the essential tools to become an astute lawyer, a critical thinker and a socially conscious individual. Today this has allowed me to excel in private practice, stay active in the community and remain intellectually curious. My time at Melbourne Law School taught me that lawyering is about more than legal practice: at its core, it is about service, integrity and justice in the real world. I can confidently say that the Melbourne JD transformed my career trajectory and enriched my personal journey.”

Nirvan Jamshidpey
Solicitor
King & Wood Mallesons

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 career 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 these graduates obtain.

At Melbourne Law School, we understand that while some students find employment directly after graduating, 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 wholistic picture of students' career outcomes, we undertake an annual survey of our 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.

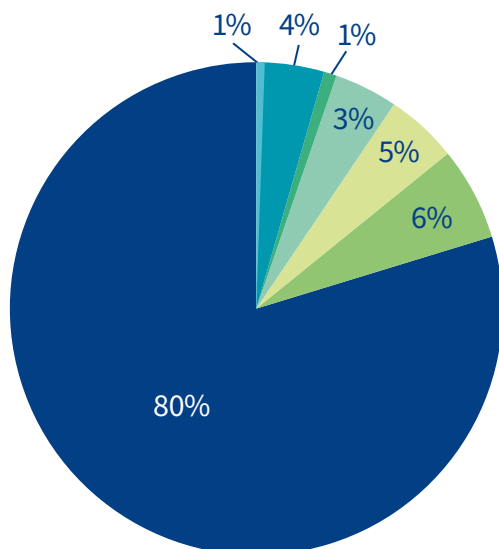
Data collection summary

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

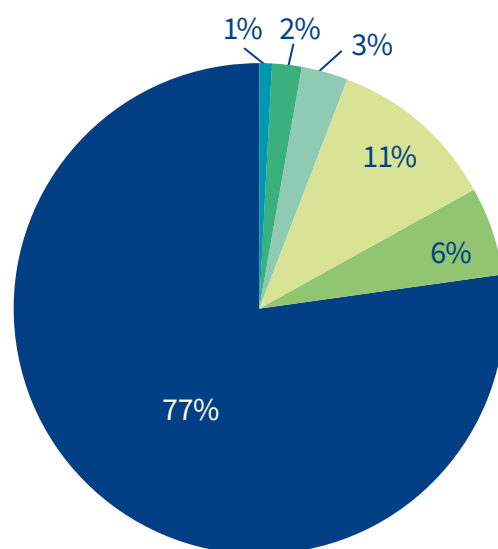
The organisations where graduates work. We believe the results provide a broadly accurate overview of the career results rely on the veracity of the data reported to us as well as data obtained from other sources – for example, our annual interviews with law firms and other outcomes for our graduates 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.

2020 Graduate Employment Outcomes



2019 Graduate Employment Outcomes



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

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

Employers

Below is the list of employers of Melbourne Law School graduates from the JD Class of 2020 ranging from private law firms, courts, government departments and not-for-profits organisations. 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

- Aitken Partners
- Allens
- Arnold Bloch Leibler
- Ashurst
- Avantro
- Baker McKenzie
- Barry Nilsson
- Bartram Lawyers
- Bird & Bird
- Clayton Utz
- Clifford Chance
- Colin Biggers & Paisley Pty Ltd
- Cornwalls
- Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- Dentons
- DLA Piper
- Doogue + George
- Erskine Rodan & Associates
- Fangda Partners
- Fragomen
- Gadens
- Gilbert + Tobin
- Gordon Legal
- Grandway Law Offices
- Hall & Wilcox
- Heinz Law
- Herbert Smith Freehills
- Holman Fenwick Willan (HFW)
- Hive Legal
- Holding Redlich
- Hunt and Hunt Lawyers
- HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
- JRT Partnership
- Josef Legal
- K&L Gates
- KAI Legal
- King & Wood Mallesons
- KPA Lawyer
- Lander & Rogers
- Linklaters
- Macpherson Kelley
- Maddocks
- Maverick Lawyer
- Marshalls+Dent+Wilmoth Lawyers
- Maurice Blackburn Lawyers
- Mehrabi Law Office
- Merits & Tree Law Offices
- MinterEllison
- Norton Rose Fulbright
- Neota Logic Inc
- Pearsons Lawyers
- Phi Finney McDonald
- ProActive Legal
- PwC legal
- Q&L Lawyers
- Rightside Legal
- Ross Knight Barrister
- Shanghai Pacific Legal
- Simon Parsons & Co. Lawyers
- Slater & Gordon Lawyers
- Stary Norton Halphen
- Steinepreis Paganin
- Suke & Associates
- Thomson Geer
- Tian Yuan Law Office
- Wallace M. Wong & Co. Barristers and Solicitors
- White & Case LLP
- Whiting Lawyers
- Wisewould Mahony

LEGAL – COMMUNITY LAW

- JobWatch Community Legal Centre
- Law and Advocacy Centre for Women
- Refugee Legal
- Kimberley Community Legal Services
- Northern Community Legal Centre
- Western Australia Legal Aid

LEGAL – GOVERNMENT

- Attorney General's Department
- Australian Government Solicitor Office
- Office of Public Prosecutions
- Victorian Government Solicitor's Office

LEGAL – COURTS

- County Court of Victoria
- District Court of Queensland
- Federal Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Victoria

LEGAL – TRIBUNAL

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

EDUCATION

- The University of Melbourne

BUSINESS

- American International Group (AIG)
- AMI Expeditionary Healthcare
- Australian National Line (ANL)
- Amazon
- Chanel Nine
- Coles Group
- Deloitte
- Docscentre Legal Sequoia Financial Group
- Eastern Airlines
- EY
- FINRA
- Heidrick & Struggles
- ICS Group Holdings Limited
- King Kong
- KMD - Brands Limited
- Munich Re
- PwC
- Societe Generale

- LexisNexis
- Li Auto Inc.
- XPENG

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Australian Taxation Office
- Australian Government
- Services Australia

STATE GOVERNMENT

- Department of Premier and Cabinet (VIC)
- Tasmanian Department of Health
- Victorian Government

REGULATOR / STATUTORY BODY

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)
- Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)
- Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)
- Fair Work Commission
- The Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Victorian Ombudsman

NON-PROFIT

- Australian Red Cross Lifeblood
- The Samuel Griffith Society



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