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Outstanding employment outcomes with the Melbourne JD

A survey of 2017 Melbourne JD (Juris Doctor) graduates has shown outstanding employment results, with 98 per cent of those surveyed in full-time employment. Of those employed, 73 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 75 per cent, the survey gives a robust and realistic picture of employment outcomes. These latest survey results for the class of 2017 are consistent with those from the class of 2016, which had a strong employment rate of 95 per cent 18 months after graduation.

Melbourne JD graduates have strong **employment outcomes with a 98% employment rate.**

Melbourne Law School class of 2017 graduate survey (conducted 18 months after completion of degree, with a 75 per cent response rate)



“The Melbourne JD set me up for success in my career. It enabled me to refine my technical skills across a range of disciplines and diverse subjects, including masters subjects. The formal learning program is underpinned by access to leaders in the legal profession, a mentoring program and a dedicated careers team. It provides opportunities to enter and engage with the legal profession.”

Bianca Weiss
Lawyer
KPMG Law

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.

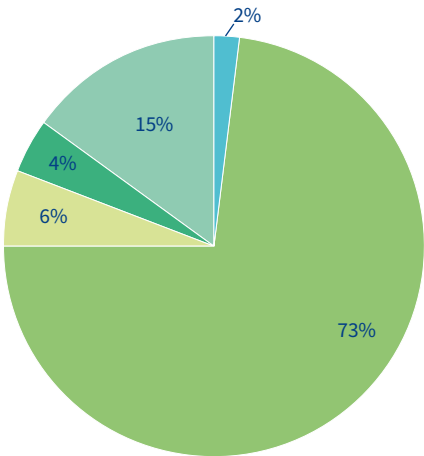
Data collection summary

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.

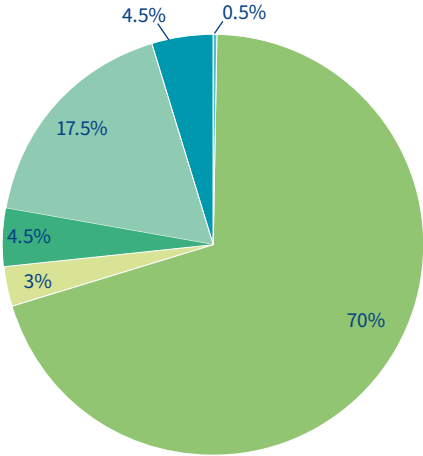
The fact that we have certain outcomes in a given year does not guarantee that those results will be consistent over time. The employability for law graduates may fluctuate depending on the economy and other factors.

2017 graduate employment outcomes



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

2016 graduate employment outcomes



- Legal graduate positions
- Other graduate positions
- Other legal positions
- Other general positions
- Continuing to look for work
- Further study

Employers

The organisations listed here hired Melbourne Law School graduates from the JD class of 2017. 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

- Allens
- Aitken Partners
- Allen & Overy
- Armour Legal
- Arnold Bloch Leibler
- Arnold Thomas & Becker Lawyers
- Ashurst
- Baker McKenzie
- Bardo Lawyers
- Cahills Barristers & Solicitors
- Clayton Utz
- Colin Biggers & Paisley Lawyers
- Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- Deloitte Legal
- DLA Piper
- Dribbin and Brown Criminal Lawyers
- ERA Legal
- Falcon and Associates
- Gadens
- Gilbert + Tobin
- Hall & Wilcox
- Hammad & Al-Mehdar Law Firm
- Herbert Smith Freehills
- Holding Redlich
- HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
- JRT Partnership
- K&L Gates
- KCL Law
- Kennedy Guy Lawyers
- KHQ Lawyers
- King & Wood Mallesons
- KPMG Law
- Lander & Rogers
- LawLab
- Linklaters
- Maddocks
- McMahon Clarke
- MinterEllison
- Molino Cahill Lawyers
- Moray & Agnew Lawyers
- Norton Rose Fulbright

- Piper Alderman
- R.B. Flinders
- Robinson Gill Lawyers
- Rubin and Rudman LLP
- Russell Kennedy Lawyers
- Skadden, Arps, Meagher & Flom LLP
- Slater + Gordon
- TurksLegal
- White & Case
- Wisewould Mahony

LEGAL - COMMUNITY LAW

- Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
- Justice Connect
- Victoria Legal Aid

LEGAL - GOVERNMENT

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

LEGAL - COURTS

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

LEGAL - TRIBUNAL

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal

EDUCATION

- Monash University

BUSINESS

- Accenture
- Aglo Systems
- Airwallex
- Core English Education
- Deloitte
- Dentsu Aegis Network
- EnergyAustralia
- EY
- Geely Auto Group
- KPMG
- MediaCom Australia
- Merrill Lynch
- Mint Advisory
- MoneyKey
- Morgan Stanley
- Neota Logic
- Orita Capital
- Pitcher Partners
- Portable
- PwC
- SMBC Nikko Capital Markets
- Xakia Technologies

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
- Australian Securities and Investment Commission
- Department of Defence
- Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
- Department of Social Services
- Fair Work Commission

VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT

- Department of Justice and Community Safety
- Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Jobs, Precincts and Policy
- Department of Treasury and Finance
- Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel

OTHER GOVERNMENT

- Queensland Department of Education

REGULATOR / STATUTORY BODY

- Australian Fair Work Ombudsman
- Clean Energy Regulator

NON-PROFIT

- 3000 Acres
- Australian Children's Television Foundation

UNION

- United Voice Australia



“Our survey of the Melbourne JD class of 2017 revealed an outstanding employment rate of 98 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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