THE CLASS of 2018

The ability to secure quality employment after graduation is a key indicator of the value of legal education. This employment snapshot for the Class of 2018 signals modest improvements in outcomes compared to the Class of 2017. A higher percentage of graduates obtained employment, found full-time work, and are employed in jobs for which bar passage is required or the JD is an advantage. However, AccessLex is careful to note that this is likely in part due to a steadily declining pool of graduates.

Employment figures are based on 33,996 of 34,221 graduates whose data were reported to NALP. Salary information is based on graduates who reported their compensation to NALP. Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.


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