

The Dale E. Fowler School of Law at Chapman University
Class of 2025 Summary Report

			Full-time Long-term Salaries				
	Number Reported	% of Reported	# with Salary	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Mean
Total Reported = 130							
Employment Status Known:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	100	76.9	73	90,000	110,000	125,000	117,190
JD Advantage	12	9.2	7	68,000	84,999	89,845	84,692
Other Professional	1	0.8	.	.	.	.	.
Enrolled in Graduate Studies	2	1.5	.	.	.	.	.
Employed-Start Date after March 16, 2026	3	2.3	.	.	.	.	.
Not Employed-Seeking	9	6.9	.	.	.	.	.
Not Employed-Not Seeking	3	2.3	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	130	100.0					
Note: Categories with no graduates reported are not shown. At least five salaries are required for each salary analysis. The non-binary or chose to self-identify category also includes graduates who selected multiple gender identities. Salaries are reported only for full-time, long-term positions. Salaries for graduates in law firm solo practice have been excluded from the analysis.							

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Total Employed or Enrolled in Graduate Studies:							
Enrolled in Graduate Studies	2	1.5	.	.	.	.	.
Employed	113	86.9	81	89,845	110,000	125,000	113,552
Subtotal	115	88.5					
Employment by Sector:							
Private Sector	85	75.2	63	100,000	120,000	130,000	122,341
Public Sector	28	24.8	18	72,000	89,923	90,000	82,790
Subtotal	113	100.0					
Full-time or Part-time Job Status:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated: Full-time	99	87.6	73	90,000	110,000	125,000	117,190
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated: Part-time	1	0.9	.	.	.	.	.
JD Advantage: Full-time	12	10.6	7	68,000	84,999	89,845	84,692
Other Professional: Full-time	1	0.9	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	113	100.0					
Employment Categories:							
Business	7	6.2	5	57,000	80,000	85,000	80,000
Judicial Clerkships	6	5.3	.	.	.	.	.
Private Practice	78	69.0	58	105,000	120,000	130,000	125,991
Government	16	14.2	13	76,503	90,000	90,000	83,142
Public Interest	6	5.3	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	113	100.0					
Note: Categories with no graduates reported are not shown. At least five salaries are required for each salary analysis. Private sector includes jobs in law firms and business. All other jobs are considered public sector. Employment by sector does not include graduates for whom employer type was not reported. Salaries are reported only for full-time, long-term positions. Salaries for graduates in law firm solo practice have been excluded from the analysis.							

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Business Jobs:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	1	14.3	.	.	.	.	.
JD Advantage	5	71.4	.	.	.	.	.
Other Professional	1	14.3	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	7	100.0					
Private Practice Jobs:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	74	94.9	57	105,000	120,000	130,000	126,710
JD Advantage	4	5.1	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	78	100.0					
Government Jobs:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	14	87.5	11	76,503	90,000	90,000	83,909
JD Advantage	2	12.5	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	16	100.0					
Judicial Clerkships:							
Federal	5	83.3	.	.	.	.	.
State	1	16.7	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	6	100.0					
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Public Interest Jobs:							
Bar Admission Required/ Anticipated	5	83.3	.	.	.	.	.
JD Advantage	1	16.7	.	.	.	.	.
Subtotal	6	100.0					
Size of Law Firm (by # of Attorneys):							
1-10	22	28.2	14	80,000	107,500	120,000	102,329
11-25	15	19.2	9	100,000	105,000	125,000	114,778
26-50	15	19.2	11	105,000	120,000	125,000	115,910
51-100	4	5.1	.	.	.	.	.
101-250	6	7.7	5	115,000	118,000	125,000	129,576
251-500	3	3.8	.	.	.	.	.
501+	13	16.7	13	125,000	144,000	195,000	158,000
Subtotal	78	100.0					
Type of Law Firm Job:							
Associate/Entry-level Attorney	63	80.8	50	110,000	125,000	145,000	132,700
Law Clerk	15	19.2	8	73,840	84,000	92,005	84,061
Subtotal	78	100.0					
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Jobs Taken by Region:							
Mid-Atlantic	1	0.9	.	.	.	.	.
E North Central	1	0.9	.	.	.	.	.
South Atlantic	5	4.4	.	.	.	.	.
Mountain	1	0.9	.	.	.	.	.
Pacific	105	92.9	75	90,000	110,000	125,000	116,983
Subtotal	113	100.0					
Location of Jobs:							
In-State	103	91.2	73	90,000	110,000	125,000	117,784
Out of State	10	8.8	8	60,250	74,252	87,750	74,938
Subtotal	113	100.0					
# States and Territories with Employed Grads:							
	6	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total #	6	.					
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	Number Reported	% of Reported
Source of Job:		
Career office recruitment program (e.g., OCI)	26	25.7
Career office job posting	23	22.8
Non-career office job posting	14	13.9
Clerkship application process or OSCAR	2	2.0
Returned to or continued with pre-law school employer	4	4.0
Referral	19	18.8
Self-initiated contact/networking	11	10.9
Other	2	2.0
Subtotal	101	100.0
Timing of Job Offer:		
Before graduation	79	69.9
After graduation	34	30.1
Subtotal	113	100.0
Search Status of Employed Grads:		
Seeking a different job	3	3.2
Not seeking a different job	90	96.8
Subtotal	93	100.0
Note: Figures are based on jobs for which the item was reported, and thus may not add to the total number of jobs. Timing of job offer figures exclude any graduates starting their own practice.		

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	Number of Jobs Reported as:	
	Long-term (1+ years)	Short-term (Less than 1 year)
Duration of Jobs by Employer Type:		
Business	7	.
Judicial Clerkships	6	.
Private Practice	78	.
Government	16	.
Public Interest	5	1
Total Reported	112	1
Note: Figures for job duration are based on jobs for which the item was reported, and thus may not add to the total number of jobs. The count of jobs funded by the law school is a total, regardless of duration.		

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