Class of 2016 Employment Statistics

Employment Distribution

- Private Practice 49%
- Public Interest/Government 20%
- Business/Corporate Counsel 17%
- Education 3%
- Judicial Clerkships 11%

TEN MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION

Of the 223 graduates known to be seeking employment, 199 (89.2%) were successful within ten months of graduation.

- Total number of graduates 229
- Number whose employment status was unknown 1 0.4%
- Total who reported employment status 228 99.6%
  - Number unemployed and seeking work 23 10.0%
  - Number not seeking work 1 0.4%
  - Number pursuing an advanced degree full time 5 2.2%
  - Number employed 199 87.2%

Of those employed, the jobs they had fell into the following categories:

- Job requiring bar passage 168 84.4%
- Job where J.D. is preferred 30 15.1%
- Other professional 1 0.5%
- Other non-professional 0 0.0%

Employment by Location

Grades in the Class of 2016 were employed in 21 states and the District of Columbia.

- North Carolina 57.3%
- Washington, D.C. 7.0%
- Georgia 4.5%
- Virginia 4.0%
- Texas 3.5%
- New York 2.5%
- California 2.5%
- South Carolina 2.5%

UNC School of Law participates in approximately 30 off-campus interview programs around the country, including minority job fairs in Atlanta, Denver, Seattle and Richmond, patent law job fairs in Chicago and Atlanta, and a major public interest job fair in Washington, D.C.

Carolina Law manages off-campus interview programs in Atlanta, Dallas, New York City and Washington, D.C., as well as two small-firm job fairs in North Carolina.

The Career Development Office is committed to teaching job search skills and providing opportunities and support to explore career options for Carolina Law students and alumni.

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Each year the Career Development Office presents more than 80 programs designed to assist students with their career exploration and employment search. The following are our signature events:

Career Development Curriculum
An introduction to the CDO and the process of finding meaningful employment
101: The Fundamentals
102: Presenting Yourself Professionally in Writing
103: Conducting an Effective Job Search
201: Putting Your Best Foot Forward: Professional Attire for Attorneys
202: Presenting Yourself Professionally in Person

Professors in Practice
Practice area specific panel discussions with professors about their practices prior to teaching.

Career Night
An evening of career and practice area exploration allowing students to connect with attorneys grouped by practice area.

Drop-In Resume Clinics
Multiple opportunities in the fall and spring semesters to have your resume reviewed to ensure your application materials make the best possible impression.

Attorney-in-Residence
Practicing attorneys present their career paths, answer questions over lunch, and serve as career counselors in a series of one-on-one sessions with students.

Annual Chili Dinner for Public Interest Mentors and Mentees
A fun and informal opportunity for public interest mentors and mentees to interact with practicing attorneys.

1L Summer Job Information Fair
A “career fair” where second- and third-year students speak to first-year students about their summer employment experiences and offer advice on how to find a summer job.

Mock Interview Program
UNC School of Law graduates and practicing attorneys offer mock interviews to first-year students. A perfect “tune-up” of your interview skills prior to the start of the spring interview season.

Public Interest Retreat
A day-long symposium for students pursuing careers with public interest organizations and government agencies.

Employer Reception for 1Ls
This counterpart to Career Night provides first-year students an opportunity to connect with employers who participate in the Fall and Spring on-campus interview programs.

Etiquette Dinner for 1Ls
A business meal is often part of the interviewing process. This evening is designed to remind you of the rules of etiquette and teach you how to comport yourself at networking receptions.

How I Found My Job After Graduation
Recent graduates return for a panel discussion on the job search after graduation. A great opportunity for 3Ls to gather advice on how to structure their search for post-graduation employment.

Professional Development Boot Camp
Whether you plan to work with a firm, non-profit organization, or as a solo practitioner, you will learn how to successfully navigate today’s legal profession. Topics include Ethics and Client Confidentiality, Succeeding in a Multi-Generational Workplace, and The Business of the Law.

ON- AND OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEW PROGRAMS

The Career Development Office brings employers to campus each fall and spring to interview students for summer and permanent jobs. In addition, the CDO coordinates the participation of students in regional off-campus interview programs in the following cities:

- Atlanta
- Dallas
- Miami
- New York
- Washington, D.C.