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LAW SCHOOL NEWS

Class of 1984: Over 90% of Graduates Employed Upon Admission to Bar

Employment statistics for the class of 1984 reveal that 92.6 percent of the graduates were employed at the time of admission to the bar and that the vast majority settled outside the Buffalo area.

While only 91 of 226 stayed in Buffalo or its suburbs, most graduates did remain in New York state with 36 going to New York City, 11 to Rochester, six to Albany and 38 to other localities across the state.

Regionally, the Northeast held 89.4 percent of the 1984 graduates. The Southeast attracted 11 graduates, while the Midwest and West regions each attracted four attorneys.

Since statistics are computed at the time of admission to the Bar, those for the class of 1985 are currently being gathered and should be completed shortly. A full report will appear in the next issue of "The Forum."

As has been true for the past few years, private practice remained the dominant career choice. The government was next, followed by business, and academics and judicial clerkships. The number going to public defender and legal services offices has fallen, going from 11 percent in 1979 to 6 percent in 1984.



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Approximately 98.5% of the graduates were contacted. Ten students who did not take or did not pass the bar, and were therefore not admitted to practice, and 11 who were not actively seeking employment, were not included in the employment percentages.

Many of those who were listed as unemployed at the time the survey was taken, have since found employment. The Career Development Office

continues to work with students after graduation by giving individual counselling on resume preparation and by publishing the "Employment Bulletin" each month, which lists jobs available across the country. Reciprocity agreements with law schools throughout the United States enable UB students and alumni to use other placement facilities as well.

Employment Survey - Class of '84

PRIVATE SECTOR	138	61%
9 Self-employed		
77 Very Small (2-10)		
12 Small (11-25)		
5 Medium (26-50)		
20 Large (51-100)		
11 Very Large (100+)		
4 Size Not Identified		

PUBLIC INTEREST	14	6%
7 Pub Def/Leg Ad		
6 Legal Services		
1 Other		

BUSINESS	22	10%
Legal - 8		
2 Corporation		
2 Bank/Fin Inst		
4 Other		
Non-Legal - 14		
2 Corporation		
10 Accounting Firm		
1 Insurance		
1 Bank/Fin. Inst.		

GOVERNMENT	23	10%
Legal - 20		
4 Federal		
1 State		
15 Local		
Non-Legal - 3		
1 Federal		
1 State		
1 Local		

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP	11	5%
6 Federal		
4 State		
1 Local		

MILITARY	5	2%
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ACADEMIC	9	4%
3 Law School or other Higher Education position		
1 Other		
2 Advanced law degree study		
3 Advanced non-law study		

JOB CATEGORY		
NOT IDENTIFIED	4	2%
Employed/Advanced Study	226	92.6%
F/T 213 (87.3%)		
P/T 13 (5.3%)		
Seeking Employment (Have Bar Admittance)	18	7.4%
Did not take/pass bar and because of this are unemployed	10	n/a
Not Seeking Employment	11	n/a
TOTAL—Employment Status Known	265	
Employment Status Unknown	4	

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS—Class of 1984		
NORTHEAST REGION	202	89.4%
3 Connecticut		
5 District of Columbia		
1 Maine		
2 Maryland		
3 Massachusetts		
2 New Jersey		
182 New York (80%)		
6 Albany		
91 Buffalo* (40%)		
36 New York City		
11 Rochester		
38 Other New York State		
3 Pennsylvania		
1 Vermont		
SOUTHEAST REGION	11	4.9%
6 Florida		
4 Georgia		
1 Texas		
MIDWEST REGION	4	1.8%
2 Illinois		
1 Kansas		
1 Missouri		
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION ...	2	.9%
1 Colorado		
1 Oklahoma		
WESTERN REGION	2	.9%
2 California		
GEOGRAPHIC AREA NOT IDENTIFIED	5	2.2%