South Carolina graduates get jobs.

American Bar Association statistics for the Class of 2014 show the University of South Carolina School of Law exceeded the national average for all accredited law schools in employment by over 9% when it came to placement in jobs requiring bar passage.

The National Association for Law Placement (NALP) reports the overall employment rate for the nation’s 2014 graduates increased for the first time since 2007. They also saw an increase in the rate of employment in jobs requiring bar passage. This is good news. According to NALP Executive Director James Leipold, “It is clear that the overall jobs profile for the Class of 2014 has improved considerably... and we fully expect that the overall employment rate for the Class of 2015, 2016, and 2017 will continue to improve.”

Additionally, the number of law graduates nationally pursuing opportunities in business is growing. Businesses are minimizing legal risks by ensuring compliance with regulatory regimes among states and across the globe. The result? More attorneys are hired to counsel on risk aversion and compliance matters. The economy is recovering, and with it, the legal hiring market.

At South Carolina, you can count on the resources of career services professionals and a strong and engaged alumni network to assist with the job search. Our Career Services Office helps students define their career goals and equips them with the skills and information necessary to find the right job. Our counselors have years of experience in law practice and the education of lawyers, and they provide students with expert guidance on resume preparation, interviewing, and job search strategies. We host a variety of presentations on career paths in the law, sponsor a yearly “Career Week” with South Carolina alumni each spring, offer a mock interviewing program, and are always available for one-on-one counseling. Law firms, judges, government agencies, and public interest employers may schedule on-campus interviews to talk with interested applicants for summer or post-graduation employment.

The following statistics are for the May 2014 graduating class, as of March 15, 2015:

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Employment Summary for 2014 Graduates

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149 Employed in a job requiring bar passage
25 Employed in a job for which a JD is preferred but not required
4 Employed in other professional jobs
5 Enrolled in a full-time graduate program (e.g., LLM in tax)
14 Unemployed and seeking a job
1 Unemployed but not seeking a job
4 Employment status unknown
202 Total graduates

Practice Type

Salary Ranges

$140,000
$120,000
$100,000
$80,000
$60,000
$40,000
$20,000
$0

Private Practice
Judicial Clerkships
Government/Public Interest
Business
Private Practice

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Judicial Clerkships

- Federal judicial clerkships: $56,257
- State judicial clerkships: $49,025
- Court of Appeals: $40,334
- Trial Courts: $48,308

Government Service

- Prosecutor/Attorney General’s office: $85,000
- Military JAG Corps: $85,000

Public Interest

- Public Defender’s Office: $43,000–$50,000
- Legislative: $43,000–$50,000

Business

- $45,000–$99,000

Academic

- $86,800

Geographic Distribution of Employment

- South Carolina (129)
- All Others (49)