

# THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT REPORT AND SALARY SURVEY

## 2005 GRADUATES

### SWIFT, MCALLISTER, AND BOYLES CLASSES (September 2004, January 2005, and May 2005)

Number of 2005 graduates	503
Number of graduates with employment status known	342
Percentage of graduates employed	82%
Average starting salary for all graduates	\$49,000

#### PRIVATE PRACTICE

Percent Employed: 50%  
Average Starting Salary: \$49,000

#### **SIZE OF FIRM**

Self Employed	18
2 to 10 Attorneys	70
11 to 25 Attorneys	13
26 to 50 Attorneys	1
51 to 100 Attorneys	7
101 to 250 Attorneys	4
251 to 500 Attorneys	1
501+ Attorneys	2
Firm size unknown	24

#### **FIRMS EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS**

Babette Bach, PA	Sarasota, FL
Ciconte, Roseman & Wasserman	Wilmington, DE
Coastal Law, LLC	Conway, SC
Flores & Reyes Law Office	Waukesha, WI
Hardings Law Office	Presque Isle, ME
McFadden & Associates	Cleveland, OH
Moser & Partners International	Amberg, Germany
Trott & Trott	Bingham Farms, MI
Warchol Merchant Rollings Buckley & Pohl, LLP	Cape Coral, FL

#### GOVERNMENT

Percent Employed: 15%  
Average Starting Salary: \$45,000

#### **TYPE OF AGENCY**

Military Federal	3
Military State	1
Prosecutorial State	5
Prosecutorial Local	12
Other Federal	5
Other State	6
Other Local	9

#### **AGENCIES EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS**

Cook County State's Attorney	Chicago, IL
Erie County District Attorney's Office	Buffalo, NY
Indiana State Attorney General	Indianapolis, IN
IRS Office of Chief Counsel	Jacksonville, FL
Michigan Department of Attorney General	Lansing, MI
U.S. Department of Labor	Jacksonville, FL
United States Congress	Washington, DC

### **PUBLIC INTEREST**

Percent Employed: 5%

Average Starting Salary: \$44,000

#### ***TYPE OF AGENCY***

Direct Legal Services	5
Public/Appellate Defender	5
Policy/Advocacy	5

#### ***AGENCIES EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS***

Greenville County Public Defender's Office	Greenville, SC
Immigration Legal Services	Lansing, MI
National Rifle Association	Fairfax-McLean, VA

### **ACADEMIC**

Percent Employed: 2%

Average Starting Salary: \$39,000

#### ***TYPE OF POSITION***

Law School Administration	1
Other Higher Education	1
Other Academic Job	3

#### ***SCHOOLS EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS***

Cleary University	Ann Arbor, MI
Richland County Recreation Commission	Columbia, SC
Thomas M. Cooley Law School	Lansing, MI

### **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP**

Percent Employed: 10%

Average Starting Salary: \$42,000

#### ***TYPE OF JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP***

Judicial Clerkship – Federal	2
Judicial Clerkship – State	12
Judicial Clerkship – Local	13

#### ***COURTS EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS***

North Carolina Court of Appeals	Raleigh, NC
Superior Court of New Jersey	Hackensack, NJ
U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit	Roswell, NM

### **BUSINESS**

Percent Employed: 16%

Average Starting Salary: \$60,000

#### ***TYPE OF BUSINESS***

Banking/Financial	5
Entertainment	1
Insurance	4
Consulting	2
Technology	2
Trade Association	1
Other Business	25
Unknown	4

#### ***BUSINESSES EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS***

Beacon Hill Staffing Group	Boston, MA
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan	Detroit, MI
Chicago Title Insurance Company	Indianapolis, IN
Global Holding & Investment Co., LLC	Fairfield, NJ
LawyerLink LLC	Chicago, IL
Lexis Nexis	Miamisburg, OH
Michigan Bankers Association	Lansing, MI
Stevens, Cooper & Burditte	Atlanta, GA