

THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT REPORT AND SALARY SURVEY

2006 GRADUATES

STARR, REID, AND EDWARDS CLASSES (September 2005, January 2006, and May 2006)

Number of 2006 graduates	612
Number of graduates with employment status known	501
Percentage of graduates employed	82%
Average starting salary for all graduates	\$52,000

PRIVATE PRACTICE

Percent Employed: 47%
Average Starting Salary: \$54,000

SIZE OF FIRM

Self Employed	25
2 to 10 Attorneys	102
11 to 25 Attorneys	15
26 to 50 Attorneys	7
51 to 100 Attorneys	5
101 to 250 Attorneys	9
251 to 500 Attorneys	5
501+ Attorneys	1
Firm Size Unknown	23

FIRMS EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS

Bollinger Law Office	Kennewick, WA
Butt, Thornton & Baerh, PC	Albuquerque, NM
Dykema Gossett, PLLC	Lansing, MI
Eisenberg, Gilchrist & Morton	Salt Lake City, UT
Goldberg Law Center, PC	Colorado Springs, CO
Helm & Associates	Las Vegas, NV
Hunter, Higgins, Miles, Elam & Benjamin, PLLC	Greensboro, NC
Lyons & Flood LLP	New York, NY
Querry & Harrow, Ltd.	Chicago, IL

GOVERNMENT

Percent Employed: 17%
Average Starting Salary: \$48,000

TYPE OF AGENCY

Military Federal	2
Military State	1
Prosecutorial State	4
Prosecutorial Local	28
Other Federal	7
Other State	15
Other Local	7
Unknown Federal	1
Category Unknown	4

AGENCIES EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS

City of Las Vegas	Las Vegas, NV
Detroit City Council	Detroit, MI
Federal Bureau of Investigation	Quantico, VA
Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office	Miami, FL
National Indian Gaming Commission	Washington, DC
New Jersey Office of the Public Guardian	Trenton, NJ
U.S. Department of Homeland Security	Laredo, TX
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office	Arlington, VA
U.S. Small Business Administration	Fort Worth, TX

PUBLIC INTEREST

Percent Employed: 6%

Average Starting Salary: \$46,000

TYPE OF AGENCY

Community Education 1
Public Defender 17
Policy/Advocacy 3
Other Public Interest 2

AGENCIES EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS

1st Judicial District of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA
Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Washington, DC
Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office Miami, FL
Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence Madison, WI

ACADEMIC

Percent Employed: 2%

Average Starting Salary: \$36,000

TYPE OF POSITION

Other Higher Education 4
Other Academic Job 3

SCHOOLS EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS

Central Michigan University Mt. Pleasant, MI
Lansing Community College Lansing, MI

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Percent Employed: 8%

Average Starting Salary: \$39,000

TYPE OF JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

Judicial Clerkship – Federal 1
Judicial Clerkship – State 5
Judicial Clerkship – Local 25

COURTS EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS

City of Atlanta Municipal Court Atlanta, GA
Maryland District Court for Baltimore Baltimore, MD
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida Miami, FL

BUSINESS

Percent Employed: 20%

Average Starting Salary: \$61,000

TYPE OF BUSINESS

Accounting 2
Banking/Financial 7
Entertainment 1
Insurance 9
Technology 7
Trade Association 1
Legal Temporary Agency 8
Other Business 41
Unknown 6

BUSINESSES EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS

Allstate Insurance Company Yonkers, NY
American Standard Companies, Inc. Piscataway, NJ
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Lansing, MI
Dow Corning Midland, MI
Equity One Miami, FL
LexisNexis Miamisburg, OH
NASCAR Daytona Beach, FL
Paradigm Talent Agency Beverly Hills, CA
Special Counsel Washington, DC