

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

## 2010 GRADUATES

**Theodore Souris, Augustus B. Woodward, and James Witherell classes**  
(September 2009, January 2010, and May 2010)

Number of 2010 graduates	927
Number of graduates with employment status known	772
Percentage of graduates employed	76%
Average starting salary for all graduates	\$54,495

### PRIVATE PRACTICE

Percent Employed: 52%  
Average Starting Salary: \$52,127

#### **SIZE OF FIRM**

Self Employed	86
2 to 10 Attorneys	163
11 to 25 Attorneys	22
26 to 50 Attorneys	8
51 to 100 Attorneys	5
101 to 250 Attorneys	9
251 to 500 Attorneys	2
501+ Attorneys	2
Firm Size Unknown	8

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

Sullivan, Ward, Asher & Patton, PC	Southfield, MI
Vernier & Berry, PC	The Woodlands, TX
Alstock, Witkin, Kreist & Overholtz	Pensacola, FL
Ryley, Carlock & Applewhite	Phoenix, AZ
Thompson, Meier & King, PC	Canton, GA
Plunkett Cooney	Bloomfield Hills, MI
Larson Latham Huettl	Bismark, ND
Marinosci Law Group	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Stewart, Greenblatt, Manning & Baez	Syosset, NY

### GOVERNMENT

Percent Employed: 13%  
Average Starting Salary: \$55,159

#### **TYPE OF AGENCY**

Military Federal	6
Prosecutorial State	6
Prosecutorial Local	19
Other Federal	7
Other State	16
Other Local	6
Unknown Federal	2
Unknown State	3
Unknown Local	2
Other Unknown	2
Other	5

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

State of Louisiana Department of Labor	Baton Rouge, LA
State Attorney's Office	Tampa, FL
Michigan Department of the Attorney General	Lansing, MI
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office	Alexandria, VA
Macomb County Prosecutor's Office	Mt. Clemens, MI
Pima County Attorney's Office	Tucson, AZ
Department of Justice	Washington, DC
Winnebago County State Attorney	Rockford, IL
U.S.D.A. Forest Service	Portland, OR

**PUBLIC INTEREST**

Percent Employed: 4%

Average Starting Salary: \$48,910

***TYPE OF AGENCY***

Community Education 3  
Direct Legal Services 5  
Public Defender/Appellate 14  
Other Public Interest 4

***AGENCIES EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS***

Cristo Rey Community Center Lansing, MI  
Lone Star Legal Aid Houston, TX  
Virginia Indigent Defense Commission Danville, VA  
House of Ruth Baltimore, MD  
Allegheny County Public Defender Pittsburgh, PA  
Fulton County Public Defender Atlanta, GA  
National Parks Conservation Association Washington, DC

**ACADEMIC**

Percent Employed: 3%

Average Starting Salary: \$58,223

***TYPE OF POSITION***

Other Higher Education 5  
Other Academic Job 11

***SCHOOLS EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS***

Board of Education of the City of Chicago Chicago, IL  
Pennsylvania State University State College, PA  
Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI

**JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP**

Percent Employed: 4%

Average Starting Salary: \$43,209

***TYPE OF JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP***

Judicial Clerkship – State 14  
Judicial Clerkship – Federal 1  
Judicial Clerkship – Local 11

***COURTS EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS***

Stamford Superior Court Stamford, CT  
Lackawanna County Court Scranton, PA  
Michigan Supreme Court Lansing, MI  
Michigan Court of Appeals-Fourth District Lansing, MI  
Michigan Court of Appeals-Third District Grand Rapids, MI  
Superior Court of New Jersey Trenton, NJ

**BUSINESS**

Percent Employed: 18%

Average Starting Salary: \$71,204

***TYPE OF BUSINESS***

Accounting 1  
Banking/Financial 3  
Insurance 5  
Management/Consulting 10  
Technology 5  
Publishing 2  
Other Business/In-house 77

***BUSINESSES EMPLOYING COOLEY GRADS***

J.P. Morgan Chase Chicago, IL  
American Electric Power Columbus, OH  
Noble Energy, Inc. Denver, CO  
General Motors Corporation Warren, MI  
Decorum Consulting Group New York, NY  
Texas Oil and Gas Fort Worth, TX  
Assets International, LLC Southfield, MI  
M. Lee Smith Publishers Nashville, TN  
Deloitte Consulting, LLP Tallahassee, FL