

THE GO-TO LAW SCHOOLS

24% OF 2016 GRADUATES

from our top
50 Go-To Law
Schools landed
jobs at the
country's largest
100 firms.

New associate hiring ticked up in 2016, with the country's largest 100 law firms welcoming 3,521 recent law graduates. Among the 50 schools most popular with those employers, 24 percent of last year's graduates landed associate jobs—an increase of 1 percent over the previous year.

We've ranked the top 50 law schools according to the percentage of their 2016 juris doctors who took

associate jobs at the largest 100 firms. To determine the 100 largest firms, we used The National Law Journal's annual survey of law firms by lawyer head count.

We also looked at which law schools saw the most alumni promoted to partner in 2016, which firms hired the most associates, and how each school's tuition compares to its Big Law placement rate. —KAREN SLOAN

RANK	LAW SCHOOL	NUMBER OF GRADUATES AT THE LARGEST 100 FIRMS	NUMBER OF JURIS DOCTORS IN 2016	% OF GRADUATES AT THE LARGEST 100 FIRMS
30	College of William & Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law	25	228	10.96%
31	University of California, Davis School of Law	15	138	10.87%
32	Howard University School of Law	15	142	10.56%
33	Loyola University Chicago School of Law	22	209	10.53%
34	Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law	18	179	10.06%
35	Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law	20	202	9.90%
36	University of Georgia School of Law	19	198	9.60%
37	University of Pittsburgh School of Law	16	175	9.14%
38	St. John's University School of Law	22	243	9.05%
39	University of Houston Law Center	21	240	8.75%
40	Seton Hall University School of Law	14	161	8.70%
41	Washington and Lee University School of Law	8	93	8.60%
42	Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law	20	234	8.55%
43	University of California, Irvine School of Law	10	118	8.47%
44	Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law	14	169	8.28%
45	Indiana University Maurer School of Law—Bloomington	15	191	7.85%
45	Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law	26	337	7.72%
47	Santa Clara University School of Law	16	215	7.44%
48	Pennsylvania State University School of Law	7	95	7.37%
49	University of Iowa College of Law	7	100	7.00%
50	Georgia State University College of Law	14	203	6.90%

New to the top 50 list were: University of Georgia School of Law; University of Pittsburgh School of Law; St. John's University School of Law; **Seton Hall University School of Law**; Santa Clara University School of Law; Pennsylvania State University School of Law; and Georgia State University College of Law.

METHODOLOGY: Data for the Go-To Law Schools special report were provided to The National Law Journal by the largest 100 firms in the country. For firms that did not submit new associate numbers, we relied on data from ALM Media LLC's RivalEdge database and independent reporting. The rankings do not reflect law graduates who took jobs as judicial clerks following graduation.

Go-To vs. U.S. News

These schools bested their U.S. News rankings when it came to placing graduates in the largest 100 firms.

LAW SCHOOL	GO-TO LAW SCHOOL RANK	U.S. NEWS RANK	DIFFERENCE
Santa Clara University School of Law	47	129	82
Howard University School of Law	32	106	74
University of Pittsburgh School of Law	37	78	41
Loyola University Chicago School of Law	33	72	39
Pennsylvania State University School of Law	48	86	38
St. John's University School of Law	38	74	36
Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law	44	74	30
Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law	46	74	28
Seton Hall University School of Law	40	65	25
University of California Hastings College of the Law	29	50	21
Fordham University School of Law	20	37	17
University of Illinois College of Law	25	40	15
Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law	35	50	15
Boston College Law School	17	30	13
University of North Carolina School of Law	27	38	11
University of Houston Law Center	39	50	11
Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law	3	12	9
Cornell Law School	4	13	9
Georgia State University College of Law	50	57	7
Duke Law School	6	11	5