

Employment Statistics (Class of 2010)

Quick Summary:

Percent of Class Employed Nine Months after Graduation: 79% [down from 85% in 2009]

Employment Categories:

Private Practice:	64.2% [up from 50% in 2009]
Government:	11.3% [up from 10.3% in 2009]
Judicial Clerkships:	3.8% [down from 17.6% in 2009]*
Business/Industry:	11.3% [11.8% in 2009]
Public Interest/Nonprofit:	7.5% [10.3% in 2009]

Salary Summary Information by Employment Categories (Class of 2010)

Private Practice: \$50,000 (median); \$57,760 (mean)

Size of Firm (2-10): \$50,000 (median); \$49,944 (mean)

Public Sector: \$55,000 (median); \$54,516 (mean)

Government: \$58,500 (median); \$56,900 (mean)

Salary Summary Information by Location (Class of 2010)

In-State: \$50,000 (median); \$53,137 (mean) [in-state mean salary went up from last year]

Out of State: \$53,500 (median); \$64,041 (mean) [out-of-state median and mean salaries went down from last year]

Where do Wyoming grads go after they graduate?

Regional Information (Class of 2010)

In-State: 60.4%

Out of State: 39.6%

Jobs by Region (Class of 2010):

Mountain (AZ, CO, NV, UT, WY): 84.9%

The remainder of the graduates are spread out across the nation on the east and west coasts as well as two working in foreign countries. See the breakdown below for more detailed information.

The largest percentage of our graduates are employed in Wyoming and Colorado.

Breakdown:

There were 67 graduates from the Class of 2010. Fifty-three of those graduates (79%) reported themselves as employed as of February 2011. Those 53 graduates from the Class of 2010 are employed in the following areas:

Private Practice – 34 graduates (64.2%) reported as being in private practice. Of those, 1 started his own practice (solo practitioner), 25 graduates were at law firms with 2 to 10 attorneys, and the rest are working in law firms from 11 attorneys on up.

Examples of some of the law firms where 2010 graduates are employed: Carleton Law Firm; Hirst Applegate; Woodhouse Roden; Holland & Hart; Long Reimer Winegar Beppler; Pence and MacMillan; Sundahl; Powers, Kapp & Martin; Hickey & Evans; Nicholas & Tangeman; and Prehoda, Leonard & Edwards.

Business or Industry – 6 graduates (11.3%) reported as working in business or industry. Examples include Bank of Choice; Shell Oil; and Advanced Engineering Associates International.

Government – 7 graduates (13.2%) reported as working for the government. Examples include the JAG, the Wyoming Attorney General’s Office and various district and county attorney’s offices.

Judicial Clerkships – 2 graduates (3.8%) reported as working in a judicial clerkship. Those two graduates are working for the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming, Judge Johnson and for state district court Judge Cranfill.

Public Interest – 4 graduates (7.5%) reported as working in the public interest field. Examples include the Colorado State Public Defender’s Office, the Wyoming Public Defender’s Office, and the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Thirty-four graduates of the fifty-three employed reported their starting salaries. Of those reported, the average starting salary for the Class of 2010 was \$56,492.

Minimum: \$36,000
Median: \$51,000
Maximum: \$120,000

Where did the Class of 2010 end up geographically? Of the 53 grads reported:

1 person - 1.9% are in the mid-Atlantic region (NY)
1 person - 1.9% are in the east north central region (WI)
1 person - 1.9% are in the west north central region (IA)
2 people - 3.8% are in the west south central region (TX)
45 people - 84.9% are in the Mountain region (AZ, CO, NV, UT, WY)
1 person - 1.9% are in the Pacific region (CA)
2 people - 3.8% are in foreign countries

*Because of the economic downturn, many graduates who were in judicial clerkships that typically would have moved on from a one or two year clerkship, elected to stay in the judicial clerkship until they knew for sure what opportunities might be available to them. This caused a decrease in the number of judicial clerkships available to Wyoming law graduates particularly in the Wyoming district courts. In late 2010 and in 2011, anecdotally, we are starting to see this number go back up thereby increasing the opportunities to do a clerkship following graduation.

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