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2014 Grads Score on the Jobs Front

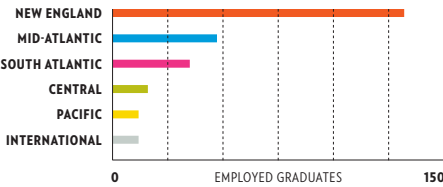
Highly skilled students, smart placement initiatives yield impressive career numbers.

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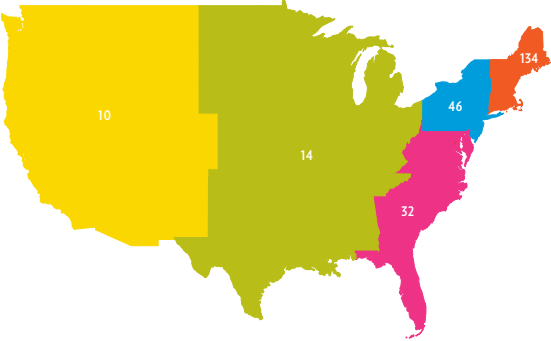
There is good news at Boston College Law School. Thanks to a variety of innovative programs developed by the Career Services Office and the high-achieving students who impressed potential employers with their skills and acumen, the Class of 2014 turned in the best job numbers in years. ¶ Ten months after graduating, 90.10 percent of the class had secured employment. While the majority of the class chose to enter the private sector, a healthy contingent headed into government and public interest work. The graduates fanned out across the country and around the globe; many found jobs in the Northeast. According to data from the ABA, among the 41 law schools in the Northeast, BC shot up to the No. 7 spot for employment (from No. 13 for the Class of 2013), coming in only behind the law schools at the University of Pennsylvania, New York University, Cornell University, Columbia University, Harvard University, and Yale University. This was no small feat, particularly because BC had a larger class size—273 in 2014, compared to 253 in 2013—while nationally class sizes were shrinking. ¶ Here’s a look at some of the interesting facts and figures that illustrate graduates’ impressive career achievements.



**Far and Wide** BC Law graduates are everywhere. In addition to a strong showing in the Northeast, members of the class of 2014 obtained positions throughout the United States as well as abroad.\*



\*Class size is 273, and employed within that as of 10 months after graduation, are 246.



**Resident Attorney Program** The law school launched five 2014 grads into one-year fellowships in the first year of a new Resident Attorney Program that provides full-time employment by the private sector with in-house legal departments. The program is expanding to include small firms in the coming year. The Class of 2014 participating employers are:

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Brandon Dunn '14

Ropes & Gray  
ASSOCIATE, TAX AND BENEFITS  
DEPARTMENT, BOSTON

Dunn was introduced to Ropes & Gray as a 1L during the Law School’s annual Meet the Employers program.

“It was not until I took my first Tax class that I considered a career in tax law. The more Tax classes I took, the more questions I found myself asking, and the more I wanted to learn about this fascinatingly complex area of the law.”



Hazel Koshy '14

Office of the  
District Attorney  
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
PHILADELPHIA

Koshy came to the Law School with the sole intent of becoming a prosecutor.

“My classroom experiences and my internships soundly prepared me for a career in prosecution. Today, my primary focus is trifold: Secure just verdicts, advocate for victims, and ensure the continued protection of the community.”



Kevin Gerarde '14

State Attorney’s Office  
ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY,  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Gerarde began with an interest in a private firm career path that would allow him to be in court, but a semester in Professor Robert Bloom’s Criminal Procedure inspired a shift to the prosecutorial side of criminal law.

“This is not the job I had in mind when I entered law school, but eight months into my career, I cannot think of any job I would rather have.”



Jenny Harp '14

US Department of  
Justice, Office of Privacy  
and Civil Liberties  
ATTORNEY ADVISOR, WASHINGTON, DC

Harp obtained her job through the Attorney General’s Honors Program.

“It was my goal to be a federal government attorney, and I hoped to secure a spot in an honors program. My focus wasn’t limited to a certain practice area, though I was interested in both regulatory law and public policy.”



Jennifer Hess '14

Cubist, Inc. (Merck)  
COMPLIANCE OFFICER, GLOBAL  
HUMAN HEALTH COMPLIANCE,  
LEXINGTON, MA

With a background in theology and medical ethics, Hess planned on a legal career in the field of medical ethics after graduation. Internships with Cubist led to her current position.

“I was fortunate to begin my career with a company whose focus is on developing acute care antibiotics that have a real impact on patients’ lives. My job provides me with a way to intersect my interests in science, medical ethics, and the law.”



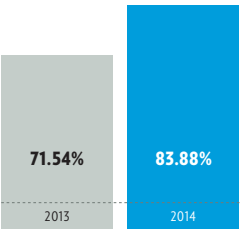
Alexander Chai '14

Cedars-Sinai  
ASSISTANT LEGAL COUNSEL,  
TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICE,  
LOS ANGELES

After a 2L summer internship with Cedars-Sinai, Chai opted to stay on for the fall semester as part of BC Law’s Semester-in-Practice clinical program.

“The Semester-in-Practice program was the most valuable experience I had while at BC Law. It gave me an opportunity to have, as a law student, real life experiences and learn what it means to practice law.”

**On the Rise** BC Law’s full-time, long-term, bar admission required/JD advantage jobs (a most valued category for *US News* placement rankings) increased from 2013 to 2014.\*



\*The overall employment number rose from 87.75% in 2013 to 90.10% in 2014.

**Across the Board** The Class of 2014 found meaningful employment throughout all legal sectors and beyond.



**How They Did It** Career Services always stresses the importance of networking, and for good reason: It was how more than a third of the class of 2014 found a position, followed by job fairs and online job postings.

