

Evidence

# Capital 'L' for Lawyer

Washington, DC, is a city like no other for members of the legal profession.

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As these facts and figures suggest, metropolitan Washington, DC, which encompasses Washington, Maryland, and Virginia (DMV), is a capital place for lawyers to live and work. As the nation's center of government, it offers certain opportunities for the legally trained that exist nowhere else. That fact has not escaped the hundreds of BC Law alumni who pursue careers in DC and the scores of students who intern everywhere from the White House to Common Cause. A look at an alluring destination.



CULTURE

4,817,500

DMV Population

36.6

Median Age

15

Percentage of people who speak another language besides English

21,300,000

Visitors to DC in 2015, a record year

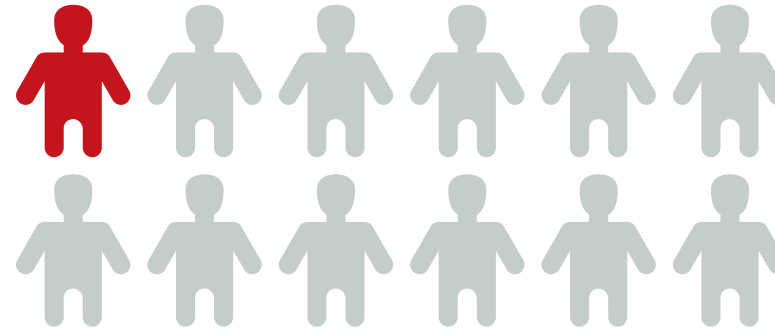
174 Embassies and international cultural centers

38 Free museums, including all Smithsonians, Library of Congress, National Zoo

LEGAL LIFE

1 in 12

People in DC is a lawyer



650+

BC Law graduates in DMV

Government offices where the majority of BC alumni work:

1 Department of Justice

2 Department of Defense

3 Securities & Exchange Commission

400

Fortune 500 Companies

52,711

Lawyers in DC

43,221

Lawyers in Massachusetts

\$174,480

Annual mean wage for lawyers in DC

\$100,000

Salary of nearly 85% of general attorneys in federal government

\$136,260

Annual national mean wage for lawyers

\$65.51 / National mean hourly wage for lawyers

Agencies employing largest number of lawyers nationally:

25,774

Social Security Administration

20,389

Department of Treasury

17,189

Department of Veterans Affairs

16,842

Department of Justice

3,235

Department of Defense

SUPREME COURT



Justices deliver opinions on

75 of 10,000 CASES

Chief Justice's salary:

\$4,000

In 1789

\$260,700

In 2016



Male to female ratio over history of the court

108 to 4

36.5 years

Longest serving justice, William O. Douglas

William Taft / Only president to also serve on the Supreme Court

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

6

Number of specialized divisions: Antitrust, Civil, Civil Rights, Criminal, Tax, Environment and Natural Resources

\$29 billion 2017 annual budget request

The DOJ INCLUDES

- FBI
- Bureau of Prisons
- US Marshals Service (the nation's oldest federal law enforcement agency)
- US Central Bureau-International Criminal Police Organization
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
- Office of Justice Programs



2,233

Unique sit-down restaurants and eateries in DC

No. 1 For wine drinkers in nation at 25.7 liters per capita

2nd Largest

Metro system in the nation

205 million / Trips served per year

6 Rail lines / 117 Miles of track / 91 Stations