

Western State College of Law  
Update to Employment Summary  
Class of 2020



**Includes graduates between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020; Updated Data Current on May 15, 2021.**

**UPDATE:** Employment outcomes reported by Western State in the ABA Class of 2020 Employment Summary reflect unique and significant challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of the pandemic, bar admission exams were canceled or delayed in many jurisdictions, thus making it more challenging for graduates to secure employment by the annual ABA Graduate Employment Status Date of March 15, 2021.

In order to more fully understand the employment experience of our graduates, Western State followed up with the 26 graduates who were unemployed and seeking on the ABA Graduate Status Employment Date. Our follow up was conducted in May 2021 and we are happy to report that **an additional 10 graduates have secured full-time, long-term jobs where bar passage is required or where having a JD provided a demonstrable advantage.** The addition of these jobs means that as of May 15, 2021 our total rate of employment has increased to 74.7% (65 of 87) and our rate of graduates who are unemployed and seeking has dropped to 18.4% (16 of 87).

The additional jobs acquired in just two months since the ABA Graduate Status Employment Date confirm what we know all too well: Western State Graduates are resilient, determined, and make great attorneys. If you are a graduate that continues to seek employment and would like support in your search please contact Assistant Dean of Career Services Deirdre Kelly at [dekelly@wsulaw.edu](mailto:dekelly@wsulaw.edu) or Director of Career Development Oscar Teran at [oteran@wsulaw.edu](mailto:oteran@wsulaw.edu).

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