

EMORY LAW 2026



# Employment *Report*

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# Your Path to a *Career in Law*

Today's employers are looking for resilience, initiative, and a readiness to practice. They want to see a demonstrated interest and enthusiasm for the practice of law, as well as practical knowledge and skills that allow a new lawyer to work effectively.

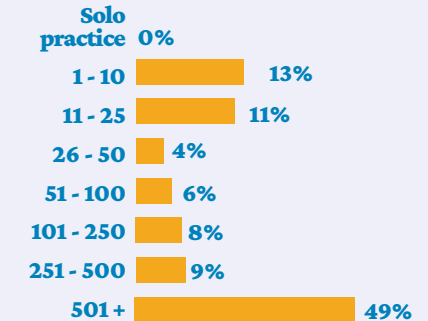
At Emory Law, you will receive individualized guidance, structure, and resources to help you plan your career path from your 1L year to practice.

# Class of 2024 Employment Statistics

The following statistics provide an **employment status profile** of the Emory Law Class of 2024. Information for the Emory Law Class of 2025 will be available in late spring 2026 on the Emory Law website, under the Center for Professional Development section. Data represents employment information reported by Class of 2024 graduates **10 months after graduation**, as of March 15, 2025.

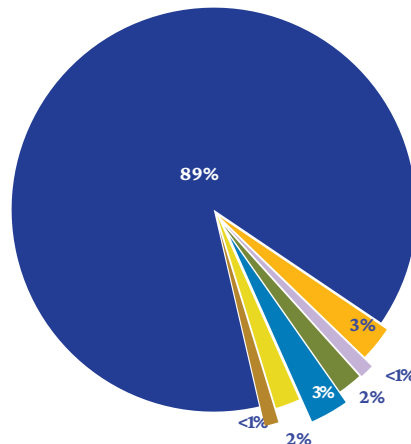
**288**   
**TOTAL GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2024**  
Employment status reported: 287

The 197 graduates in private practice reported employment in firms of the following sizes to the ABA:



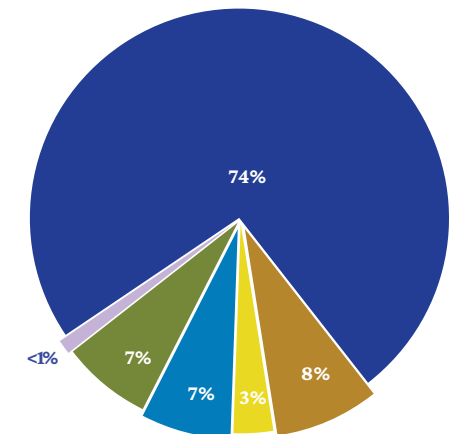
## Class of 2024 employment status profile, as reported to the American Bar Association (ABA):

• Full-time, bar passage required	255
• Full-time, JD advantage	10
• Other employment	1
• Pursuing advanced degree	7
• Seeking employment	8
• Not seeking employment	6
• Employment status unknown	1
<b>Total number of graduates</b>	<b>288</b>

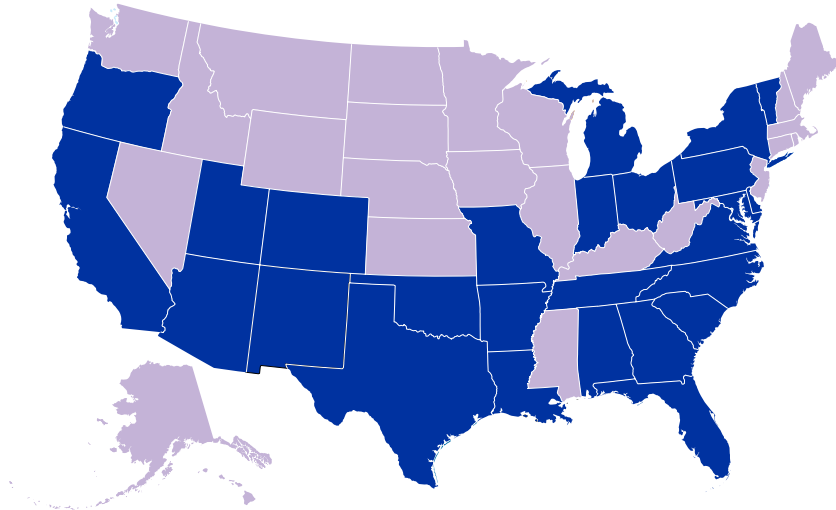


## Class of 2024 employment by type, as reported to the ABA:

• Law firm	197
• Government	22
• Business or Industry	9
• Public Interest	19
• Judicial Clerkships	18
• Education	1
<b>Total employed</b>	<b>266</b>



**Class of 2024 employment by location, as reported to the ABA:**



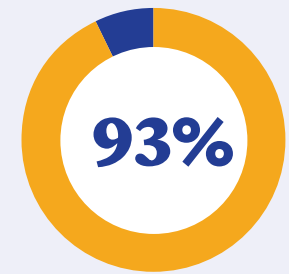
Alabama	4	North Carolina	7
Arizona	1	Ohio	1
Arkansas	1	Oklahoma	1
California	7	Oregon	1
Colorado	2	Pennsylvania	4
Delaware	5	South Carolina	2
District of Columbia	13	Tennessee	5
Florida	13	Texas	14
Georgia	123	Utah	2
Indiana	1	Virginia	5
Massachusetts	4	Non-US	2
Michigan	1		
Missouri	2		
New Mexico	2		
New York	43		

**Class of 2024 median salary information, as reported to the National Association for Law Placement (NALP):**

Law firms (501+)	\$225,000
Law firms (251-500)	\$197,000
Law firms (101-250)	\$160,000
Law firms (51-100)	\$127,500
Law firms (26-50)	N/A*
Law firms (11-25)	\$120,000
Law firms (1-10)	\$90,000
Solo	N/A*
Education	N/A*
Business/Industry	\$97,000
Judicial Clerkships	\$73,000
Government	\$78,000
Public Interest	\$72,000

*Of the 266 graduates employed, 215 (or 81%) reported salary information.  
\*NALP: A minimum of five salaries is required for each salary analysis.*

**266**  
**Total**  
**Number of**  
**Employed**  
**Grads**



**Class**  
**of 2024**  
**graduates**  
**employed**

*(266 of 287 who reported their status, as reported to the ABA)*



# Center for Professional Development

Beginning even before your 1L year, the Center for Professional Development will provide guidance, structure, and unique resources to help you plan your personalized career path. From a Career Strategy and Design course to professional skills programming, the Center for Professional Development Support provides a full range of workshops, alumni and attorney panels, employer events, and specific job search resources, all of which is available to 1Ls to help you develop valuable skills as you explore career options.

## Personalized Career Advising

Dedicated to your success, the Emory Law Center for Professional Development provides insightful, individualized career advising. We will advise you on the best path to take to reach both your short-term and long-term career goals. As each person's goals may differ, our advice is individualized and designed to meet your needs.

Emory Law's career advisors are experienced professionals. We have a combined 50+ years of law practice experience and are admitted to practice across the country, including California, New York, Georgia, Washington DC, and Florida. We are passionate about preparing and guiding you into a profession that intersects with all segments of our society. We are here to help you become legal professionals.

Learn more: [law.emory.edu/careers](http://law.emory.edu/careers)



## Center for Professional Development Support

Emory Law's exceptional team of career advisors is dedicated to helping you achieve your career goals. Our wide range of programming and services include:

### 1L Professional Development

**Series:** required classes in the fall and workshops in the spring in which you will gain a clear picture of the legal market and learn the foundational skills necessary for success in your job search and long-term career development

**Career Advising:** tailored job search strategy; resume, cover letter, and interview preparation; professional development training

**Recruitment Programs:** on-campus interviews, job fairs around the country, job postings

**Speakers and Programs:** career readiness programs with attorneys from the private and public sectors

**Resource Center:** publications and online materials on topics such as resume preparation, networking and interview skills, judicial clerkships, public interest/government employment

## Practice Societies— A Unique Program at Emory Law

Emory Law offers a variety of practice societies that will help you better understand how the legal profession is organized and assist you in identifying areas of interest. These organizations utilize faculty, student leaders, key alumni, and career strategy advisors to plan networking and professional development events focused around specific practice areas. Active participation will help you bridge the academic realm to the real world of practice. Current practice societies include:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Banking and Financial Institutions Law
- Bankruptcy
- Child, Family, and Elder Law
- Civil Rights Law Practice
- Communications and Media Law
- Corporate and Business Law
- Criminal Law
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law and Conservation
- Health Law
- Immigration Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Labor and Employment Law
- Law and Artificial Intelligence
- Litigation
- National Security and Military Law
- Real Estate Law
- Sports and Entertainment Law
- Tax Law

# Your Alumni Network

More than 15,700 alumni across the US and in countries around the world become your network when you join us. In addition to the Emory Law graduates practicing in Atlanta and throughout Georgia, Emory's **strong alumni network** connects graduates to other legal markets in major metropolitan areas around the country and the world.

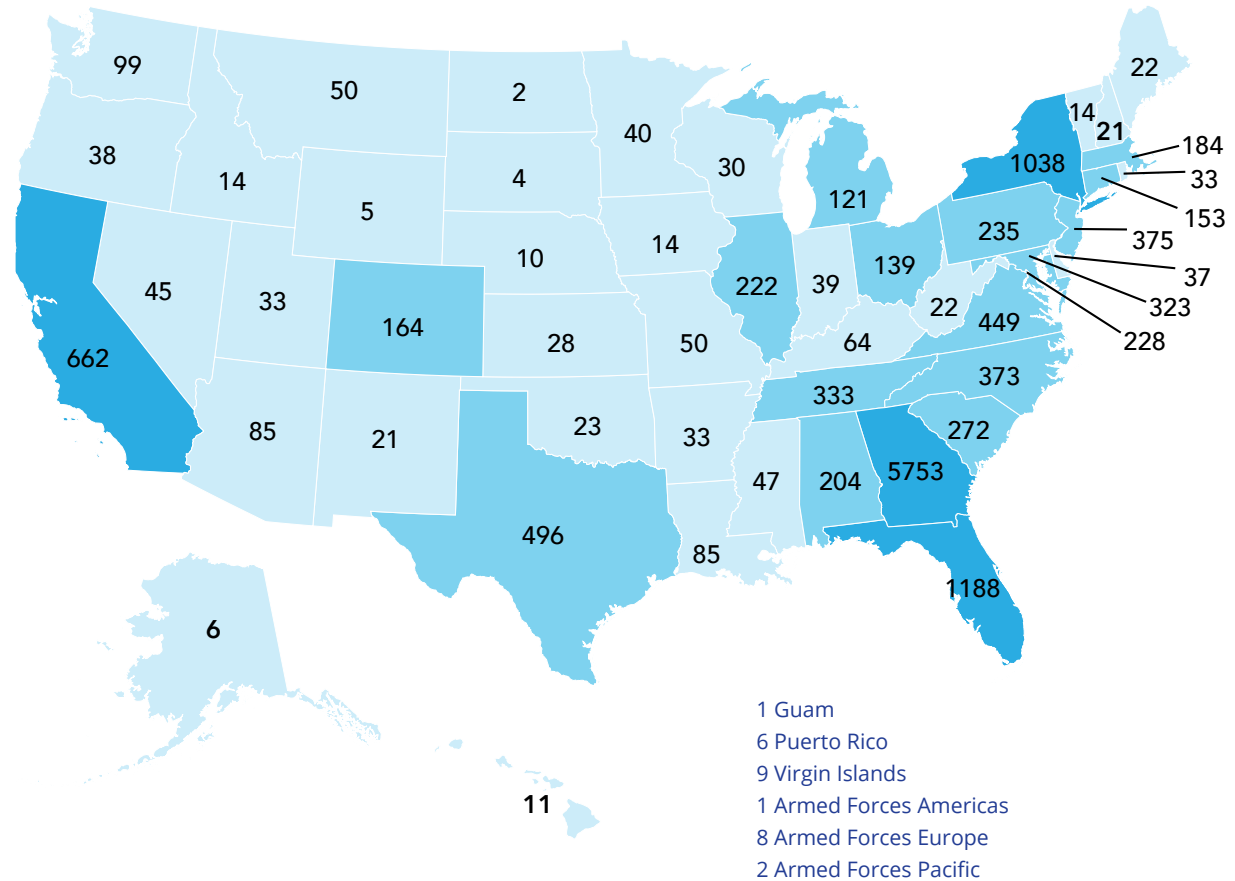
There are around **30 Am Law 200** firms with offices in Atlanta, and the regional offices of nearly every federal agency are nearby.

**805**  
ALUMNI  
OUTSIDE  
THE US

## Top 12 Countries



China	434
South Korea	91
Germany	31
United Kingdom	22
Canada	19
Saudi Arabia	14
Brazil	12
India	11
Taiwan	10
Georgia	9
Hong Kong	9
Nigeria	9



Data as of January 2026.  
Shaded states are those with a significant alumni presence.



# Experiential and Practical Hands-On Learning

Emory Law has countless opportunities to experience law in action. We empower students to discern their legal path right from the start of their legal education, from a first-year elective that explores an area of possible legal interest to a wide range of clinics, simulation programs, and externships that guide students in finding their legal voice.

## Experiential Learning

The American Bar Association accreditation standards require law students to complete at least one or more experiential courses totaling at least six credit hours. For more information, visit

[law.emory.edu/experiential-learning](http://law.emory.edu/experiential-learning).

## Trial Techniques

The Kessler-Eidson Program for Trial Techniques immerses you in “learn-by-doing” oral advocacy, connecting you with nationally recognized trial lawyers, judges, and professors as you learn—and experience—the mechanics of litigating a case.

## Faculty-Led Clinics

Emory Law clinics offer curriculum-based, real-world experience through direct client service in a range of settings under the direct supervision of law school faculty. Each clinic’s docket is designed to fully immerse students in all aspects of the legal process.

- Barton Policy and Legislative Advocacy Clinics
- Juvenile Defender Clinic
- Barton Appeal for Youth Clinic
- International Humanitarian Law Clinic
- IP and Innovation Clinic
- Turner Environmental Law Clinic

## Student Volunteer Opportunities

Student-led clinics offer real-world experience through direct client service. These opportunities enable students to connect with mentors at pro bono law firms and nonprofits. Service in these clinics is performed on a volunteer basis, not for academic credit.

- Emory Immigrant Legal Assistance
- International Refugee Assistance Project

## Externships

Externships are an integral part of the Emory Law experience, taking the principles you learn in the classroom and applying them in practice. Our externships program places an average of 130 students each semester and partners with over 300 approved sites, including government agencies, public interest organizations, courts, companies, and small firms. Under the supervision of an attorney, you will hone skills that include research, writing, advocacy, interviewing, counseling, litigation, and case investigation while earning experiential course credit.

## TI:GER®

Unique to Emory Law, the Technological Innovation: Generating Economic Results (TI:GER®) program prepares students to transform promising research into economically viable products, uniting graduate students in law, business, engineering, and science in collaborative teams to take innovative ideas to the marketplace.

## Transactional Law and Skills Certificate Program

Emory Law’s robust Transactional Law and Skills Certificate curriculum is the gold standard for transactional law education, preparing students to add value to a transaction from day one on the job.

## Supreme Court Advocacy Program

The David J. Bederman Emory Law School Supreme Court Advocacy Program (ELSSCAP) is the only student-run Supreme Court litigation program in the United States. Students work under the guidance of experienced litigators as they handle all aspects of ELSSCAP’s work, which includes producing persuasive petitions for certiorari and amicus briefs for the Supreme Court.

## Moot Court and Mock Trial Societies

Fortify your skills in trial advocacy through the Emory Mock Trial Society, which will help fine-tune your litigation skills through competitions. Develop a knack for brief writing and oral advocacy through the Emory Moot Court Society, which will help you become an effective appellate advocate.



# Atlanta: An International Hub for the *Business and Legal* Community

There are around 30 Am Law 200 firms with offices in Atlanta, and the regional offices of nearly every federal agency are nearby. With a population of more than 6 million people, Atlanta is one of the Southeast's largest cities and provides countless opportunities for legal networking, externships, and summer jobs.



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*“Atlanta is a great city and one of the fastest-growing legal markets, with tons of opportunities whether you’re interested in private practice or public interest work. On top of that, there’s always something to do, with plenty of fun indoor and outdoor activities that make it an exciting place to live.”*

**JUSTIN GILBERT 26L**

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# Hiring Employers

This is a sampling, not an exhaustive list, of the employers who have recently hired our students and alumni.

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## Public Interest

**Nonprofits:** New York Legal Aid, Atlanta Legal Aid, Texas Rio-Grande Legal Aid

**Fellowships:** Equal Justice Works, Skadden Foundation, Southern Poverty Law Center, Southern Center for Human Rights, Bronx Defenders

Local Public Defender offices across the country, including in Georgia, Colorado, New York

State and local Government offices across the country, including California, Texas, New York, Georgia

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## Clerkships

**Federal Appellate Level:** Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, Third Circuit Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, High Court of Samoa

**Federal District and Bankruptcy Courts:** Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Georgia, Eastern and Western Districts of Pennsylvania, District of Delaware, District of Washington D.C., Southern District of Florida, Central District of California, Southern District of Florida, Southern District of Texas, Northern District of Illinois

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## Specialty

U.S. Court of Federal Claims, North Carolina Business Court, Georgia Business Court, New Jersey Tax Court

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## State

**State Appellate:** Georgia Supreme Court, Colorado Supreme Court, Maine Supreme Court, Montana Supreme Court, South Carolina Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Florida Fifth District Court of Appeals, New York State Supreme Appellate Division, First Department, North Carolina Court of Appeals, Oregon Court of Appeals

**State Trial Level:** Georgia, Alaska, Maine, Virginia, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, D.C. Superior, Virgin Islands, Florida, and New York, Delaware

## Law Firms

Alston & Bird

Arnold & Porter

Baker Botts

Cravath

Davis Polk

Debevoise

Gibson Dunn

Jones Day

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton

King & Spalding

Kirkland & Ellis

Latham & Watkins

Morrison & Foerster

Orrick

Proskauer

Sheppard Mullin

Simpson Thacher

Skadden

Sullivan & Cromwell

Troutman

Vinson & Elkins

Weil

Willkie Farr & Gallagher

Winston & Strawn