

## Where did the 2008 Bachelor of Laws graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2008 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Laws graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- Among those who pursued further studies, what programmes were they enrolled in?
- Among those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to get their first job offer?
- In which sectors were they employed?
- How much salary did they receive?
- How many job offers did they receive?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles?

### II. Employment Situations in 2008

Of the 95 graduates from this programme, 86 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	LLB				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	86	100%	81	100%	2572	100%	2450	100%
<b>Employed</b>	13	15%	26	32%	2060	80%	1977	81%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	1	1.2%	0	0%	15	0.6%	5	0%
<b>Further Studies</b>	72	84%	55	68%	462	18%	451	18%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.0%	3	0%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	34	1.3%	14	1%

\* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

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### III. Further Studies

72 graduates proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programmes that they pursued and their sources of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme			
	Master (Coursework)	Postgraduate Certificate	Bachelor's Degree	Others
Law	5	53	3	8

No Response = 3

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Full Scholarship	8
Own Funds	33
Government Grant + Loan	17
Scholarship + Own Funds	7

No Response = 7

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### IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

The time taken for graduates to secure employment is shown below.

By the end of	% of new graduates who have secured employment	
	2008	2007
May or before	22%	16%
June	33%	32%
July	67%	47%
August	67%	47%
September	78%	58%
October	78%	58%
November	78%	58%
December	89%	84%
January	100%	95%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 4

### V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Bachelor of Laws graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Educational Institutions, the Civil Service and Community, Social & Personal Services.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	2007
Commerce & Industry	55%	81%
Educational Institutions	18%	0.0%
Civil Service	18%	19%
Community, Social & Personal Services	9.1%	0.0%

No Response = 2

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### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Bachelor of Laws graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	LLB		HKU Average*		LLB		HKU Average*	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
<b>Mean</b>	\$24,586	\$19,287	\$18,142	\$16,146	\$24,697	\$21,738	\$18,755	\$17,021
<b>Median</b>	\$20,000	\$13,500	\$14,000	\$12,000	\$20,000	\$16,858	\$14,583	\$13,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$6,450	\$5,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$45,000	\$48,000	\$87,000	\$78,500	\$45,000	\$48,000	\$87,000	\$102,000

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### VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Bachelor of Laws graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	5 (63%)
Two	2 (25%)
Three	1 (13%)

No Response = 5

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### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Bachelor of Laws graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
<b>Civil Service -</b>	
- HKSAR - Department of Health	- Executive Officer II
- HKSAR - Hong Kong Police Force	- Police Inspector
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- Bethel High School	- Teacher
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	- Researcher
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Organization's name not reported	- Educational Psychologist
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	- Management Associate
- Hui & Lam Solicitors	- Lawyer Assistant
- Meltwater Group	- Sale Consultant
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Tax Associate
- Organization's name not reported	- Analyst

No Response = 3

Note: Some of the 2008 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CEDARS.



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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library. Please contact CEDARS for further details.

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