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Below you will find the results of the Employment Survey for the 1982 Graduating Class. The figures represent a troublesome decline from previous years, both in terms of percentage of students employed in legal areas and in the number of graduates responding to the survey. They also reflect the fact that the legal employment market is depressed. Those who are considered experts in the Law Placement area offer a variety of reasons as to why the market is so tight. Regardless of the reasons behind this disturbing news, it is generally conceded that this trend will continue, particularly in the northeast. Faced with such a prognosis, I believe it is time for a thoughtful reevaluation of the Law Placement Office operation, e.g., where do we go from here?

The office will continue to offer

the same traditional services it has in the past. Such activities as the On-Campus Recruitment Program, informational seminars, resume writing service, law firm and corporate listing, National Alumni Advisory Program and career counseling will be continued and expanded. The major thrust of the office will remain the same—find law jobs for our students and graduates. The office will make a major effort to increase an already high degree of alumni involvement. For example, recently we sent out to all law alumni a letter inquiring about summer positions for first and second year students. It's too early to tell, however I am optimistic that we will receive an effective response.

Additionally, the Law Placement Office will shortly be writing alumni in various geographical areas across

the country to establish a network of alumni who would be willing to advise the office of openings in a particular locale. If successful, this effort would be an excellent supplement to the National Alumni Advisory Program.

Finally, a major effort is going to be made in relation to non-traditional employment areas where a law degree would be not only useful, but advantageous. A summary of the educational and career backgrounds of current students is being compiled and will be sent to various corporations, business associations and financial institutions. The purpose of the summary is to demonstrate the diversity of our student population and impress upon potential employers that a law degree can be a valuable asset in a variety of career fields.

### 1982 Graduating Class Employment Survey

No. of Graduates .....	256
No. of Responses .....	159
<i>Employment Status</i>	
1. <i>Legal</i>	
Private Practice.....	74
Government.....	9
Judicial Clerk .....	21
Corporate .....	7
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	111
2. <i>Legally Related</i>	
Insurance Co. ....	5
Financial Institution .....	3
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	8
3. <i>Non-Legal</i>	
Corporate .....	12
Government.....	6
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	18
4. <i>Unemployed</i> .....	22
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	22
Total.....	159
*% of Graduates Responding.....	62%
% of Respondents Employed.....	86%
% of Respondents Legally Employed.....	70%
**Average Salary of Legally Employed .....	\$21,786

\*This percentage is significantly lower than previous years and probably makes the percentage of legally employed graduates unrealistically high.

\*\*68% of the graduates answered this question. It should be noted that 11 of them indicated solo-practice and were unable to provide any estimate of salary at this time.

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