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William & Mary Law School came in 14th among U.S. law schools in percentage of Class of 2017 graduates that secured full-time, long-term federal judicial clerkships, the school announced today. A list of schools and data are available following this announcement. The information is based on the nationwide Class of 2017 employment data released last week by the American Bar Association.

William & Mary's 2017 graduates secured federal clerkships in seven states: Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

"Clerking for a judge is a marvelous experience for a law school graduate. Not surprisingly judicial clerkships are much sought after opportunities," said Dean Davison M. Douglas. "I am delighted that so many of our law graduates secure judicial clerkships each year with both federal and state court judges. A higher percentage of our graduates clerk after graduation than do graduates at most of the nation's law schools."

Slightly more than twenty-four percent of William & Mary's Class of 2017 graduates (51 out of 208) are serving in judicial clerkships overall (almost nine percent in federal clerkships, more than 15 percent in state clerkships).

About William & Mary Law School

Thomas Jefferson founded William & Mary Law School in 1779 to train leaders for the new nation. Now in its third century, America's oldest law school continues its historic mission of educating citizen lawyers who are prepared both to lead and to serve.



Federal Judicial Clerkships: Class of 2017 Graduates

Rank	School	Total Class of 2017 Grads	Class of 2017 Grads in FT/LT Federal Clerkships	% Class of 2017 Grads in FT/LT Federal Clerkships
1	YALE UNIVERSITY	224	66	29.5%
2	STANFORD UNIVERSITY	197	52	26.4%
3	UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	214	45	21.0%
4	DUKE UNIVERSITY	225	38	16.9%
5	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	610	97	15.9%
6	UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	333	47	14.1%
7	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	256	28	10.9%
8 (tie)	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY	305	30	9.8%
8 (tie)	UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA	82	8	9.8%
10	VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY	188	18	9.6%
11	UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA	296	28	9.5%
12	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	131	12	9.2%
13	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS	327	29	8.9%
14	WILLIAM AND MARY LAW SCHOOL	208	18	8.7%
15	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-IRVINE	96	8	8.3%

This information is based on the nationwide Class of 2017 employment data released in April 2018 by the American Bar Association.

Note: FT/LT refers to full-time, long-term.



Clerkships

Members of the Class of 2017 are serving in courts across the country, including:

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (Alexandria, VA, 2019–2020 term)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (Jackson, MS)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, Staff Attorney’s Office (Atlanta, GA)
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee (Greenville, TN)
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria, Norfolk & Richmond, VA)
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina (Winston-Salem, NC)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas (Laredo, TX)
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky (Louisville, KY)
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia (Roanoke, VA)
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia (Norfolk & Richmond, VA)
- U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges (Newport News, VA & Washington, DC)
- Colorado Court of Appeals
- Kentucky Court of Appeals
- Maryland Court of Special Appeals
- Montana Supreme Court
- Supreme Court of Virginia
- State trial courts in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia