# Houston Association of Legal Recruitment Administrators Survey Spring 2010 

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## SURVEY METHOD

- Sent survey to 41 Houston legal recruitment professionals
- Received a total of 34 completed surveys
- Wisnik Career Enterprises, Inc. emailed survey on Monday, May 3rd, 2010
- Wisnik Career Enterprises, Inc. emailed survey again on Tuesday, May 11, 2010


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## Salary Survey Results

- Received a total of 36 Surveys
- Total Breakdown
- Assistant: 4
- Coordinator: 15
- Manager: 11
- Director (Rads/HALRA combined)*: 6


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## Profile of Survey Respondents

What is your highest level of education?



- $51.5 \%$ of you are in the firm's headquarters
- $96.9 \%$ of you work full-time
- $31 \%$ of you hold a firmwide position
- 62.5\% of you have a seat on your firm's employment committee


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## 2010 Survey Results

## Houston Law Firm Administrators' Average Salaries

| Title | Average Salary | Median |  | Salary Range |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Assistants: | $\$ 40,375$ | $\$ 43,000$ |  |
| Coordinators (w/ OT)*: | $\$ 49,611$ | $\$ 48,000$ |  | $\$ 30 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 45 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| Coordinators (w/o OT): | $\$ 60,500$ | $\$ 63,000$ |  | $\$ 51 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 70 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| Managers: | $\$ 71,136$ | $\$ 68,000$ |  | $\$ 51 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 110 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| Directors (RADS/HALRA combined): | $\$ 102,083$ | $\$ 103,000$ | $\$ 75 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 125 \mathrm{~K}$ |  |

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## 2○I O Survey Results

## Houston Law Firm Participants' Average Salaries

| Title | Average Salary | Median | Salary Range | Bonus | Summer Class <br> 2010 | Summer Class <br> 2009 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Assistants: | $\$ 40,375$ | $\$ 43,000$ | $\$ 30 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 45 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ | 15 | 23 |
| Coordinators <br> (w/ OT) $:$ | $\$ 49,611$ | $\$ 48,000$ | $\$ 30 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 60 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\$ 2,295$ | 10 | 9 |
| Coordinators <br> (w/o OT): | $\$ 60,500$ | $\$ 63,000$ | $\$ 51 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 70 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\$ 3,594$ | 15 | 21 |
| Managers: | $\$ 71,136$ | $\$ 68,000$ | $\$ 51 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 110 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\$ 4,450^{* *}$ | 17 | 23 |
| Directors <br> (RADS/HALRA <br> combined): | $\$ 102,083$ | $\$ 103,000$ | $\$ 75 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 125 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\$ 11,600$ | 10 | 14 |

*Average OT for eligible Coordinators in 2009 was \$5,554
** Half of the managers did not receive bonuses

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Average Salaries for Law Firm Recruitment Professionals


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## Average Years of Experience vs. Average Years in Current Position vs. Average Years of Total Work Experience



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Survey Respondents' Responsibilities for Summer Program

|  | Your Responsibility | Responsibility of <br> Department |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Participate in Recruiting Committee <br> meetings | $93.8 \%$ | $50 \%$ |
| Coordinate Summer Associate training and <br> orientation | $90.6 \%$ | $43.8 \%$ |
| Plan social events, section parties, summer <br> associates lunches and firm parties | $90.6 \%$ | $46.9 \%$ |
| Receive evaluations for Summer Associates | $87.1 \%$ | $54.8 \%$ |
| Monitor Summer Associate work projects <br> and assignments | $82.8 \%$ | $51.7 \%$ |
| Prepare offer and decline letters for <br> associate and Summer Associate candidates | $78.1 \%$ | $59.4 \%$ |
| Organize clerkship reviews | $77.8 \%$ | $51.9 \%$ |
| Conduct Summer Associate exit interviews | $75.9 \%$ | $51.7 \%$ |

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Survey Respondents' Responsibilities for Law Student Recruiting

|  | Your Responsibility | Responsibility of <br> Department |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Plan pre and post on-campus <br> interview receptions | $93.5 \%$ | $48.4 \%$ |
| Participate in Recruiting Committee <br> meetings | $90.6 \%$ | $46.9 \%$ |
| Conduct correspondence and <br> follow-up with candidates | $87.5 \%$ | $53.1 \%$ |
| Arrange travel and interview <br> schedules for candidates | $87.1 \%$ | $51.6 \%$ |
| Organize travel and schedules for <br> interviewing attorneys | $86.7 \%$ | $53.3 \%$ |
| Plan Fall on-campus interview <br> calendar | $81.3 \%$ | $53.1 \%$ |
| Coordinate with various law <br> schools to schedule interview dates | $81.3 \%$ | $53.1 \%$ |

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Survey Respondents' General Responsibilities

|  | Your Responsibility | Responsibility of <br> Department |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Attorney orientation | $69.2 \%$ | $69.2 \%$ |
| Lateral recruiting | $66.7 \%$ | $66.7 \%$ |
| Partner recruiting | $58.3 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| Exit interviews | $52.4 \%$ | $81 \%$ |
| Managing recruitment staff | $51.9 \%$ | $63 \%$ |
| CLE coordination | $50 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| Attorney development/training | $45 \%$ | $75 \%$ |
| Diversity initiatives | $38.1 \%$ | $85.7 \%$ |
| Administering evaluation <br> process for attorneys | $35.3 \%$ | $82.4 \%$ |

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## Who Does Your Department Report To?



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Assistant Salary Data by Firm Size:

| ATTORNEYS in <br> HOUSTON OFFICE | AVERAGE | RANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-125$ | $\$ 43,000$ | $41 \mathrm{~K}-45 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $126-175$ | $\$ 43,000$ | $41 \mathrm{~K}-45 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $176-300$ | $\$ 37,500$ | $30 \mathrm{~K}-45 \mathrm{~K}$ |

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Coordinators w/ OT Salary Data by Firm Size:

| ATTORNEYS in <br> HOUSTON OFFICE | AVERAGE | RANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-75$ | $\$ 56,333$ | $46 \mathrm{~K}-65 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $76-125$ | $\$ 46,333$ | $36 \mathrm{~K}-65 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $126-175$ | $\$ 32,500$ | $30 \mathrm{~K}-35 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $176-225$ | $\$ 53,000$ | $41 \mathrm{~K}-65 \mathrm{~K}$ |

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Coordinators w/o OT Salary Data by Firm Size:

| ATTORNEYS in <br> HOUSTON OFFICE | AVERAGE | RANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-75$ | $\$ 61,750$ | $51 \mathrm{~K}-70 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $76-300$ | $\$ 53,000$ | $51 \mathrm{~K}-55 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $301-400$ | $\$ 63,000$ | $61 \mathrm{~K}-65 \mathrm{~K}$ |

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Managers Salary Data by Firm Size:

| ATTORNEYS in <br> HOUSTON OFFICE | AVERAGE | RANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-75$ | $\$ 83,000$ | $61 \mathrm{~K}-110 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $76-225$ | $\$ 70,375$ | $51 \mathrm{~K}-85 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $226-350$ | $\$ 56,333$ | $51 \mathrm{~K}-60 \mathrm{~K}$ |

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Directors* (HALRA/RADS combined) Salary Data by Firm Size:

| ATTORNEYS in <br> HOUSTON/DALLAS OFFICE | AVERAGE | RANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-175$ | $\$ 89,500$ | $75 \mathrm{~K}-105 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $176-350$ | $\$ 114,667$ | $101 \mathrm{~K}-125 \mathrm{~K}$ |

*5 out of 6 Directors have a firmwide function

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Do you believe you are being fairly compensated for your responsibilities?

In 2009, what other benefits did you receive?

| COMPENSATION | \% RESPONDENTS |
| :---: | :---: |
| Bonus | $71 \%$ |
| 401 K Plan | $100 \%$ |
| Defined Retirement <br> Contributions | $77 \%$ |
| Average Vacation Days | 17.6 |
| PDA/Blackberry | $86.7 \%$ |
| Free Parking | $53.8 \%$ |

Yes
No
No Comment

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## Average Number of Positions in Houston Department by Office Size

| Office Size |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $1-75$ | Average Department Size $=1.2$ <br> Most common positions $=$ Coordinator, Manager |
| $76-175$ | Average Department Size $=1.625$ <br> Most common positions $=$ Coordinator, Manager |
| $176-225$ | Average Department Size $=6$ <br> Most common positions $=$ Assistant, Coordinator, Manager, Director |
| $226-400$ | Average Department Size $=6$ <br> Most common positions $=$ Secretary, Assistant, Coordinator, Manager |

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Survey Respondents' Average Hours Worked per Season


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Average Summer Associates for 2010 vs. 2009


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## Summary of Interesting Survey Results

Since you have been with your current organization, have you had a promotion with a title change?


- 71\% of you received bonuses in 2009
- Only 19\% of you were able to attend the NALP Conference
- $50 \%$ of respondents' surveyed indicated that their departments decreased in size over the past two years


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## HALRA and RADS Average Salaries for Law Firm Recruitment Professionals



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## HALRA and RADS Average Years of Experience in Law Firm Recruiting



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