# Washington Area Legal Recruitment ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION industry Survey Fall 2010 for Law Firms, Government Agencies and <br> Law School Career Services 

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## Summary of Interesting Results

## Law Firms and Agencies

- $55 \%$ of you have been with your current firm for 5 years or less
- $30 \%$ of you have been in the legal recruiting field for $10+$ years
- $45 \%$ work in regional offices
- $30 \%$ receive overtime and $70 \%$ receive bonuses
- $31.7 \%$ of you were able to attend the NALP Conference
- $48 \%$ of you feel you are not fairly compensated for your responsibilities


## Law School Career Services

- $56 \%$ of you have been with your current school for 5 years or less
- $22 \%$ of you have been in law school recruiting for 10+ years
- $76 \%$ of you work for a private institution
- $0 \%$ make overtime and $11 \%$ received bonuses
- $78 \%$ of you were able to attend the NALP Conference
- $60 \%$ of you feel you are not fairly compensated for your responsibilities

53\% of Law Firm respondents' departments have DECREASED in size over the last 2 years while
$61 \%$ of Career Services respondents' departments have INCREASED in size

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## Highest Degree of Education Attained by WALRAA Survey Participants



Firms/Agencies


Career Services

Of 2010 Survey Respondents, 4\% of Law Firm/Agency professionals have JDs compared to 83\% of those in Law School Career Services

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In the last eighteen months, has your department experienced any of the following?

|  | Firms/Agencies | Career Services |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Salary Freeze | $67.9 \%$ | $54.5 \%$ |
| Decrease in Staff | $65.4 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ |
| Reduced Overtime or <br> Comp Time Benefits | $40.7 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| No Bonus | $25.9 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ |
| Decreased Salaries | $17.3 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Furloughed <br> Employees | $13.6 \%$ | $18.2 \%$ |
| Loss of Benefits | $4.9 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Received COLA <br> Benefits | $3.7 \%$ | $9.1 \%$ |

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

Firms/Agencies


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## Salary Survey Results for Law Firms and Government Agencies

- Received a total of 93 Surveys
- Total Breakdown
- Director: 10
- Manager: 39
- Coordinator: 29
- Assistant: 11
- Other: 4


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## WALRAA Survey Participants' Average Salaries

| Title | Average Salary | Median | Salary Range |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Directors: | $\$ 166,333$ | $\$ 163,000$ | $\$ 111 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 225 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| Managers: | $\$ 96,971$ | $\$ 95,500$ | $\$ 61 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 130 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| Coordinators: | $\$ 64,607$ | $\$ 60,500$ | $\$ 46 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 90 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| Assistants: | $\$ 45,222$ | $\$ 48,000$ | $\$ 36 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}$ |

Salary Percent Change from 2008
Directors 6.2\%, Coordinators 5.8\%, Managers 0\%, Assistants 6.3\%

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## Washington Area Legal Recruiters' Average Salaries And Summer Class Sizes

| Title | Average Salary | Median | Salary Range | Bonus <br> Summer Class <br> 2010 | Summer Class <br> 2009 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Directors | $\$ 166,333$ | $\$ 163,000$ | $\$ 111 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 225 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\$ 8,428$ | 15 | 35 |
| Managers: | $\$ 96,971$ | $\$ 95,500$ | $\$ 61 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 130 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\$ 5,504$ | 11 | 16 |
| Coordinators | $\$ 64,607$ | $\$ 60,500$ | $\$ 46 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 90 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\$ 2,527$ | 11 | 17 |
| Assistants: | $\$ 45,222$ | $\$ 48,000$ | $\$ 36 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 50 \mathrm{~K}$ | $\$ 500$ | 13 | 21 |

# Average Summer Class Size for 2010 was 13 <br> Average Summer Class Size for 2009 was 23 

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## Average Salaries for Law Firm Recruitment Professionals



Average Salary for 2010
Average Salary for 2008

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Average Salaries for Law Firm Recruitment Professionals 2006 vs. 2008 vs. 2010


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Assistant Salary Data by Firm Size:

| ATTORNEYS in <br> WASHINGTON DC OFFICE | AVERAGE | RANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-750$ | $\$ 43,000$ | $36 \mathrm{~K}-50 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $751-1000$ | $\$ 46,333$ | $36 \mathrm{~K}-50 \mathrm{~K}$ |

Average Base Salary for Assistants is $\$ 45,222$

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## Coordinators w/ OT Salary Data by Firm Size:

| ATTORNEYS <br> in WASHGINTON DC <br> OFFICE | AVERAGE | RANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-750$ | $\$ 62,833$ | $46 \mathrm{~K}-85 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $751-1000$ | $\$ 67,333$ | $51 \mathrm{~K}-85 \mathrm{~K}$ |

## Average Salary for Coordinators w/ OT is $\$ 65,533$ <br> Average OT for 2009 was $\$ 4,202$ <br> Average OT for 2008 was $\$ 7,208$

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Coordinators w/o OT Salary Data by Firm Size:

| ATTORNEYS <br> in WASHINGTON DC <br> OFFICE | AVERAGE | RANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-750$ | $\$ 64,900$ | $56 \mathrm{~K}-80 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $751-1000$ | $\$ 62,313$ | $46 \mathrm{~K}-80 \mathrm{~K}$ |

Average Base Salary for Coordinators w/o OT is $\$ 63,308$ Average Bonus is $\$ 3,229$

Average Base Salary was \$65,292 in 2008
Average Bonus was $\$ 3,321$ in 2008

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Managers Salary Data by Firm Size:

| ATTORNEYS in <br> WASHINGTON DC OFFICE | AVERAGE | RANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-250$ | $\$ 79,000$ | $66 \mathrm{~K}-95 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $251-500$ | $\$ 91,100$ | $61 \mathrm{~K}-120 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $501-750$ | $\$ 100,500$ | $66 \mathrm{~K}-120 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $751-1000$ | $\$ 101,500$ | $76 \mathrm{~K}-120 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $1000+$ | $\$ 102,950$ | $61 \mathrm{~K}-130 \mathrm{~K}$ |

Average Base Salary for Managers is $\$ 96,773$ and Average Bonus is $\$ 5,504$
For 2008, Average Base Salary for Managers was \$96,980 and Average Bonus was $\$ 6,658$ cisitio

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## Directors Salary Data by Firm Size:

| ATTORNEYS in <br> WASHINGTON DC OFFICE | AVERAGE | RANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1-750$ | $\$ 168,500$ | $111 \mathrm{~K}-225 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| $751-1000$ | $\$ 163,625$ | $131 \mathrm{~K}-200 \mathrm{~K}$ |

> Average Base Salary for Directors is $\$ 166,333$ and Average Bonus is $\$ 8,428$
> For 2008, Average Base Salary was $\$ 156,556$ and Average Bonus was $\$ 11,188$

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Average Number of Positions in DC Departments by Office Size

| Office Size |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 -75 | Average Department Size $=1.7$ <br> Most common positions $=$ Coordinator, Manager |
| $76-125$ | Average Department Size $=2.8$ <br> Most common positions $=$ Assistant, Coordinator, Manager |
| $126-225$ | Average Department Size $=2.3$ <br> Most common positions $=$ Assistant, Coordinator, Manager |
| 226-300 | Average Department Size $=4.7$ <br> Most common positions $=$ Assistant, Coordinator, Manager, Director |
| 301-400 | Average Department Size $=8.4$ <br> Most common positions $=$ Assistant, Coordinator, Manager, Director |
| $401-700$ | Average Department Size $=5.4$ <br> Most common positions $=$ Assistant, Coordinator, Manager, Director |



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Average Years in Current Position vs. Average Years of Law Firm Recruiting Experience vs. Average Years of Total Work Experience


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The average years in Law Firm Recruiting for

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Who Does Your Department Report To?


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Survey Respondents' Responsibilities for Summer Program

|  | Responsibility of Department | Your Responsibility | Added Within the Last Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Coordinate Summer Associate training and orientation | 73.3\% | 72.2\% | 3.3 \% |
| Plan social events, section parties, summer associates lunches and firm parties | 75.3 \% | 69.7 \% | 2.2 \% |
| Monitor Summer Associate work projects and assignments | 72.4 \% | 67.8 \% | 0 \% |
| Receive evaluations for Summer Associates | 72.1 \% | 70.9 \% | 1.2 \% |
| Organize clerkship reviews | 74.5 \% | 49 \% | 0 \% |
| Participate in Recruiting Committee meetings | 67.4 \% | 76.7 \% | 2.3 \% |
| Conduct Summer Associate exit interviews | 73.1 \% | 50 \% | 1.3 \% |
| Prepare offer and decline letters for associate and Summer Associate candidates | 75.3 \% | 51.7 \% | 2.2 \% |
| Database entry | 82.8 \% | 40.2 \% | 3.4 \% |
| Budget planning | 73.6 \% | 64.4 \% | 2.3 \% |

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Survey Respondents' Responsibilities for Law Student Recruiting

|  | Responsibility of <br> Department | Your Responsibility | Added Within <br> the Last Year |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plan Fall on-campus interview calendar | $77 \%$ | $58.6 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ |
| Coordinate with various law schools to <br> schedule interview dates | $81.4 \%$ | $53.5 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ |
| Plan pre and post on-campus interview <br> receptions | $79.5 \%$ | $61.4 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ |
| Organize travel and schedules for <br> interviewing attorneys | $77.8 \%$ | $51.9 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ |
| Arrange travel and interview schedules <br> for candidates | $75.9 \%$ | $50.6 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ |
| Conduct correspondence and follow-up <br> with candidates | $74.7 \%$ | $64.4 \%$ | $1.1 \%$ |
| Participate in Recruiting Committee <br> meetings | $70.1 \%$ | $73.6 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ |
| Database entry | $83.7 \%$ | $40.7 \%$ | $3.5 \%$ |
| Budget preparation | $60.2 \%$ | $2.3 \%$ |  |

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## Survey Respondents' Responsibilities for Professional Development

|  | Responsibility of <br> Department | Your Responsibility | Added Within the <br> Last Year |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Managing Attorney Program | $86.5 \%$ | $36.5 \%$ | $1.9 \%$ |
| Managing Attorney Professional Development (i.e., <br> CLE) | $83.3 \%$ | $35.2 \%$ | $2.2 \%$ |
| Training and Orientation | $80.6 \%$ | $56.5 \%$ | $1.6 \%$ |
| Mentoring | $83.9 \%$ | $42.9 \%$ | $3.6 \%$ |
| Associate evaluations | $86 \%$ | $37.3 \%$ | $7.8 \%$ |
| In-house programming | $84.1 \%$ | $45.5 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Lawyer personnel | $86.8 \%$ | $43.4 \%$ | $3.8 \%$ |
| Budget planning |  |  |  |



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Survey Respondents' General Responsibilities

|  | Responsibility of <br> Department | Your Responsibility | Added Within <br> the Last Year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lateral recruiting | $69.2 \%$ | $63.7 \%$ | $5.5 \%$ |
| Partner recruiting | $72.7 \%$ | $43.9 \%$ | $7.6 \%$ |
| Attorney Orientation | $70.3 \%$ | $66.2 \%$ | $4.1 \%$ |
| CLE coordination | $79.6 \%$ | $38.8 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Administering evaluation process for attorneys | $84.9 \%$ | $37.7 \%$ | $5.7 \%$ |
| Managing recruitment staff | $66.7 \%$ | $57.7 \%$ | $1.3 \%$ |
| Exit Interviews | $77.2 \%$ | $43.9 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| Diversity Initiatives | $83.1 \%$ | $54.5 \%$ | $3.9 \%$ |
| Paralegal recruiting | $69.2 \%$ | $76.2 \%$ | $7.7 \%$ |
| Staff/Contract Attorney Hiring | $90.9 \%$ | $39.2 \%$ | $10.6 \%$ |
| Practice Group Management/Training | $60.6 \%$ | $72.7 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Other responsibilities (i.e. HR/marketing) | $48 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| Office Administration | $68.4 \%$ | $59.6 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Attorney integration | $64.7 \%$ | $5.3 \%$ |  |
| Budget planning |  | $3.5 \%$ |  |

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


What other benefits do you receive?

| Bonus | $68.5 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 401 K Plan | $100 \%$ |
| Average Vacation Days | 20 days |
| Work From Home-Regularly | $1.5 \%$ |
| Work From Home- Periodically | $45.5 \%$ |
| Part Time | $10.1 \%$ |
| Flex Days | $15.5 \%$ |
| Day Care- On-Site | $18.5 \%$ |
| Day Care- Back Up | $66.7 \%$ |
| PDA/Blackberry | $84.7 \%$ |
| Cell Phone | $20.3 \%$ |
| Computer (Laptop) | $37.8 \%$ |
| Transportation Discounts | $63.2 \%$ |
| Mileage Reimbursement | $52.7 \%$ |
| Health Club | $69.3 \%$ |
| Memberships/Discounts | $95.1 \%$ |
| Flexible Spending | $7.6 \%$ |
| Free Parking | $28.4 \%$ |
| Tuition Reimbursement | $16.7 \%$ |
| Other |  |

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Survey Respondents' Average Hours Worked per Week each Season


WALRAA members report working an average of 46.8
hours per week, compared to 47.5 hours per week reported by NYCRA members

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## Salary Survey Results for

## Law School Career Services

- Received a total of 22 Surveys
- Total Breakdown
- Assistant/Associate Dean: 4
- Director: 5
- Assistant/Associate Director: 5
- Career Counselor: 6
- Recruiting Personnel: 2


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## WALRAA Law School Career Services Survey Participants' Average Salaries

| Title | Average Salary | Median | Salary Range |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Assistant/Associate Dean: | $\$ 138,000$ | $\$ 138,000$ | $\$ 126 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 150 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| Director: | $\$ 74,333$ | $\$ 77,500$ | $\$ 66 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 80 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| Assistant/Associate Director: | $\$ 67,875$ | $\$ 68,000$ | $\$ 56 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 80 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| Career Counselor: | $\$ 65,500$ | $\$ 65,500$ | $\$ 61 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 70 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| Recruiting Personnel: | $\$ 60,500$ | $\$ 60,500$ | $\$ 56 \mathrm{~K}-\$ 65 \mathrm{~K}$ |

Salary Percent Changes from 2008
Directors -6.4\%, Assistant/Associate Directors -9\%, and Counselors -6.1\%

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Average Salaries for Law Firm Career Services Professionals


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Average Salaries for Law School Career Services Professionals VS.
Average Years of Career Services Experience


Average Years of Recruiting Experience $\rightarrow$ Average Salary

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Average Years in Current Position vs. Average Years of Career Services Experience vs. Average Years of Total Work Experience


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Who Does Your Department Report To?


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Law School Division of Responsibilities

|  | Responsibility of <br> Department | Your Responsibility | Another <br> Department within <br> the Law School |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| On-campus recruiting | $85.0 \%$ | $30.0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Alumni counseling | $90.0 \%$ | $35.0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Employer relations | $80.0 \%$ | $45.0 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ |
| LL.M. Counseling | $70.6 \%$ | $29.4 \%$ | $29.4 \%$ |
| Judicial Clerkship counseling | $76.2 \%$ | $33.3 \%$ | $19.0 \%$ |
| Government counseling | $85.0 \%$ | $35.0 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ |
| Public Interest counseling | $85.0 \%$ | $35.0 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ |
| Private Sector counseling | $95.0 \%$ | $45.0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Program Development | $85.0 \%$ | $60.0 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ |
| Student Professional Development | $84.2 \%$ | $57.9 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ |
| Accepted/Admitted Student recruiting | $15.8 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ | $84.2 \%$ |
| Diversity Initiatives | $75.0 \%$ | $25.0 \%$ | $35.0 \%$ |
| Alumni Relations/Development | $35.0 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ | $80.0 \%$ |
| Managing staff | $52.6 \%$ | $52.6 \%$ | $15.8 \%$ |
| Other responsibilites (i.e. HR/marketing/office | $60.0 \%$ | $26.7 \%$ | $60.0 \%$ |
| management) |  |  |  |

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## Survey Respondents' Responsibilities

Have you experienced an increase in responsibility?

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


Yes

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Survey Respondents' Average Hours Worked per Week each Season


Career Services respondents worked a yearly average of 47.5 hours per week Law Firm respondents worked a yearly average of 46.8 hours per week

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## What questions do you have based on THESE FINDINGS?

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