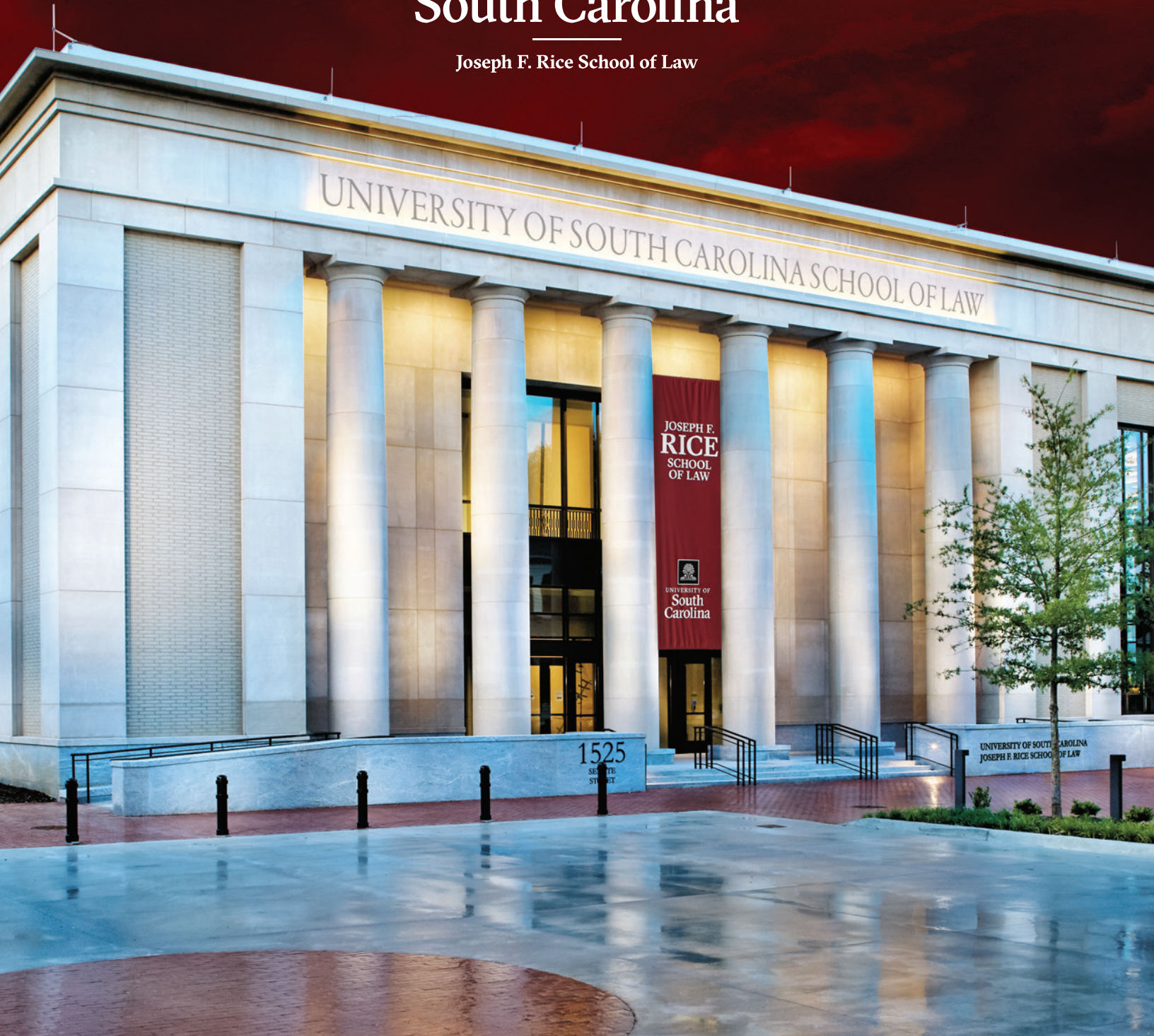


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**628 STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN OUR
J.D. PROGRAM**

Hanging in the USC Rice School of Law's grand lobby is Dale Chihuly's Burnished Bronze and Garnet Chandelier, 2017, 11.5' x 10.5' x 9.5'.

Putting Passion into Practice The Academic Program

The Juris Doctor (J.D.) program is a three-year, full-time program requiring 90 credits.

YOUR FIRST-YEAR courses cover basic legal principles and prepare you for more specialized courses your second and third years. First-year courses are:

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Property
- Torts
- Introduction to the Legal Profession
- Legal Research, Analysis and Writing I & II

UPPER-LEVEL ELECTIVES encourage you to follow your passion or find a new one. We offer more than 100 upper-level electives in areas such as Business and Commercial Law, Children and Family Law, Environmental Law, Health Law, Intellectual Property, International and Comparative Law, Labor and Employment Law, Litigation, Probate and Estate Planning, Real Estate Law, Sports & Entertainment Law, Taxation, and Technology Law.



Our Children's Law Center and academic concentration connect students with practitioners and policy makers working at the heart of legal issues in this critical area of law and practice.

Faculty

USC Rice School of Law employs more than 50 full-time and numerous adjunct professors, including judges and practicing attorneys. Their expertise and insight provide familiarity and context to the most current and pressing legal issues.

Experiential Learning USC Rice School of Law offers a variety of hands-on learning opportunities.

CLINICS offer 2L and 3L students the opportunity to represent actual clients under the supervision of full-time faculty.

Clinics include:

- Carolina Health Advocacy Medicolegal Partnership (CHAMPS) Clinic
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Education Rights Clinic
- Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
- Veterans Legal Clinic
- Youth Defender Clinic

EXTERNSHIPS allow students to gain legal experience, academic credit, and develop valuable professional connections while closely observing the work of attorneys in those settings. Externships are available through federal and state agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, as well as in law firms, corporate legal offices, legislative committees, and federal and state court, in the following areas:

- Administrative Law
- Children's Law
- Criminal Law
- Family & Small Business
- In-House Counsel
- Judicial
- Public Interest
- Technology and Innovation

80 EXTERNSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE EACH YEAR

CAPSTONE COURSES encourage you to apply the skills you've learned by working with lawyers, judges, professors, and peers in a simulated practice environment in such areas as Federal Criminal Practice, Small Business Organizations, Civil Litigation, and Real Estate Transactions.

SUMMER PUBLIC INTEREST INTERNSHIP GRANTS, established through generous donations by the Jeffcoat Law Firm, allow students to apply to work with organizations assisting South Carolina community members who need help to obtain legal assistance. As public interest opportunities are often unpaid, the law school secured dedicated funding for student stipends, exhibiting its commitment to community service.

PRO BONO PROGRAM is the first entirely voluntary Pro Bono Program in the nation and offers students the opportunity to get involved in more than 25 service projects, strengthening professional skills and building contacts while giving back. Because it is voluntary, the program emphasizes how pro bono services are an inherent part of a lawyer's professional identity.

Combination Degree Programs

Enhance your career and save time and money with a combination degree program at USC Rice School of Law, including the highly ranked International MBA program at the Darla Moore School of Business.

Combine your J.D. with a master's in:

- Accountancy
- Business Administration
- Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Earth and Environmental Resources Management
- Economics
- Health Services Policy and Management
- Human Resources
- International Business Administration
- Mass Communication
- Public Administration
- Social Work

25+ STUDENT-LED PRO BONO PROJECTS HELPING THE COLUMBIA COMMUNITY



Named in honor of the late Honorable Karen J. Williams, the 300-seat courtroom hosts jury trials and appellate hearings in addition to classes and mock trial and moot court competitions.

USC RICE SCHOOL OF LAW MOCK TRIAL TEAM

WON 2 COMPETITIONS PLUS 9 FINAL OR SEMIFINALIST FINISHES IN 2024-2025. RANKED #3 PUBLIC LAW SCHOOL IN THE US NEWS TRIAL ADVOCACY RANKINGS, #5 IN THE HOFSTRA GAVEL RANKINGS, AND #6 IN THE FORDHAM TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITION RANKINGS.

MOOT COURT AND MOCK TRIAL programs provide opportunities to perfect your oral advocacy skills in either an appellate or trial setting at both regional and national competitions.

The University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities or decisions for qualified persons on the basis of age, ancestry, citizenship status, color, disability, ethnicity, familial status, gender (including transgender), gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy (false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, childbirth, recovery therefrom or related medical conditions, breastfeeding), race, religion (including religious dress and grooming practices), sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other bases under federal, state, local law, or regulations.

Statistics cited in this publication are from the 2024-2025 academic year unless otherwise noted.



The courtyard provides outdoor space for students adjacent to the Nelson Mullins Student Commons and the Counselor's Café.

Collaborations and Partnerships

As a student at the USC Rice School of Law, you can choose from an array of programs designed to complement your formal classroom learning, build skills, and enhance competencies to advance your career.

THE CAROLINA LAW RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM

enables eligible South Carolina residents access to our most robust scholarship program. Full tuition is offered for the 1L year along with tuition and fee waivers for the 2L and 3L years. Scholars also earn a stipend while engaged in research or projects with law faculty or other legal professionals. To be considered, candidates must have an LSAT score of 164 or higher and a 3.75 UGPA or higher as reflected on the LSAC CAS report.

THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER offers classes, research opportunities, and training for students, practitioners, policy makers, and professionals involved in children's safety and well-being. The center prioritizes hands-on experiences, connecting you with experts in their field.

THE NATIONAL ADVOCACY CENTER houses the U.S. Department of Justice's premiere training facility and is located directly on the university campus. The USC Rice School of Law frequently collaborates with the NAC, offering our students access to national and international experts that can't be found anywhere else.

TECHINLAW COLLABORATIVE The Technology, Innovation, and Law Collaborative provides opportunities for students to learn and share ideas about law, innovation and technology through interactive seminars, conferences, and workshops for the law school community.

THE NELSON MULLINS RILEY & SCARBOROUGH CENTER ON PROFESSIONALISM

enriches student experiences through mentoring, research, and events that promote professionalism, civic leadership, and public service in the practice of law.

Preparation for Practice

THE UNIFORM BAR EXAMINATION is a uniformly administered and graded bar examination with a portable score used to apply for bar admission in other participating states or jurisdictions. Forty-one states, including South Carolina, have adopted the UBE. It is designed to test knowledge and skills that every lawyer should demonstrate prior to becoming licensed to practice law. For more information about bar examinations, visit the National Conference of Bar Examiners' website or contact the bar admission agency in the state where you expect to practice.

JOURNALS are industry publications led by student editors who select and edit articles submitted by legal scholars. Consider joining one of our three scholarly journals:

South Carolina Law Review

American Bar Association Real Property,

Trust & Estate Law Journal

South Carolina Journal of International Law & Business

LAW STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS connect you with like-minded members of the law and university communities, strengthening your interpersonal and leadership skills. We have more than 30 student organizations, allowing you to explore any aspect of the law that interests you.

The University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law is named for Joe Rice (USC JD '79; BSA '76).

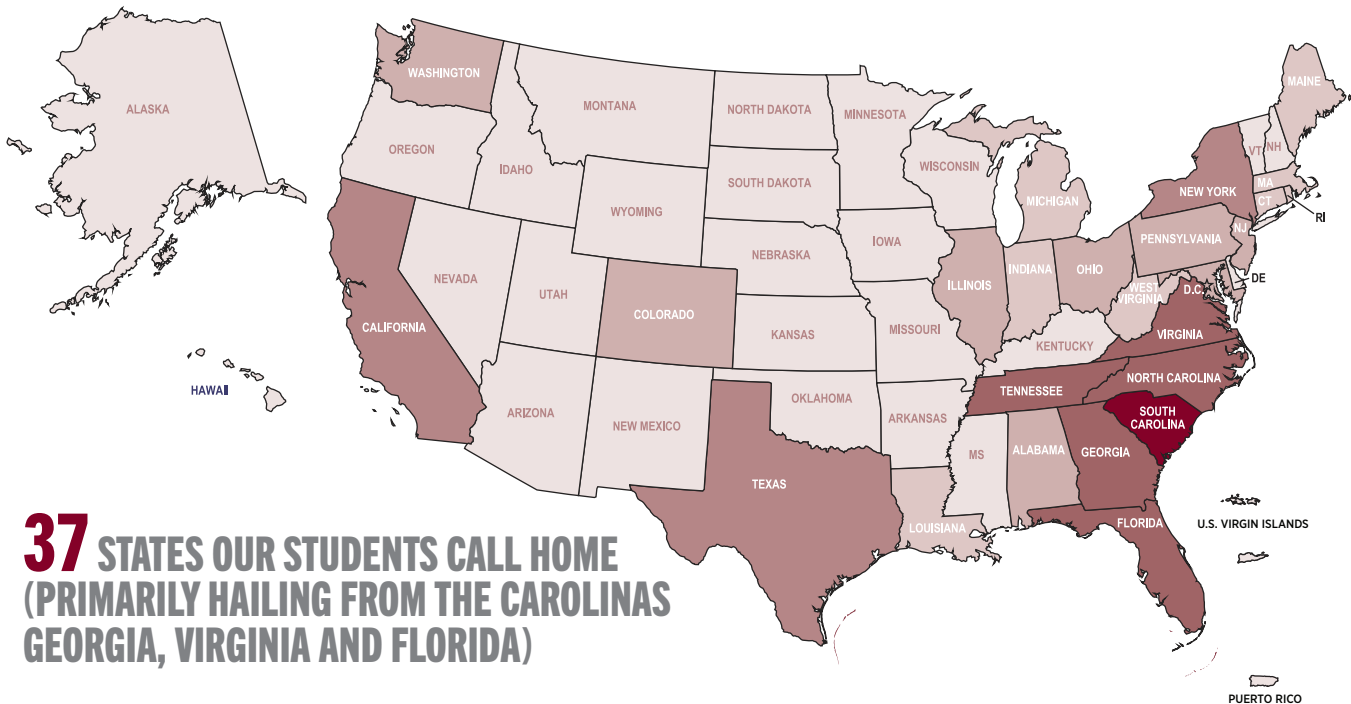


Through his leadership at Motley Rice, one of the nation's largest plaintiff's litigation firms, Joe has been heavily involved in some of the most historically significant litigation throughout the country and beyond. His entire legal career has been to help individuals as well as work on class actions and multidistrict litigation in a variety of subject matters. He has worked on cases involving asbestos-related products and served as lead negotiating counsel on the 1998 National Tobacco Settlement. Further, he was the co-lead counsel representing 3,000 plaintiffs in an opioid litigation case.

Joe Rice, along with his wife Lisa (USC BA '77), and daughter Ann E. Rice Ervin (USC JD '09; BA '06) have provided significant gifts to the university over the years. These have provided endowed scholarships, professorships, as well as championing the law school's Children's Law Program.

Alumni Connections

Although most of our 12,000-plus alumni are based in the United States, USC Rice School of Law graduates can be found throughout the world, mentoring and employing students long after earning their J.D. The shades of garnet on the map correspond to the concentration of our alumni across the United States.





USC and Columbia

Columbia is the state capital and one of South Carolina's largest cities, yet it retains a small-town charm. The USC Rice School of Law anchors Columbia's legal corridor and is located just steps from the State House, the South Carolina Supreme Court, the South Carolina Court of Appeals, the National Advocacy Center, and law firms small and large.

Columbia is rapidly growing into a regional hub for corporate relocation, college and professional students, and tourism. The city is relaxed and friendly, without pretense. Areas like the Vista, Five Points, and Main Street all border campus and provide shopping and entertainment, while nearby lakes, rivers, and parks provide recreational activities to keep you grounded. Local attractions include the Congaree National Park, the Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Garden, and Lake Murray.

Connect with Us

Apply for Admission to USC Rice School of Law

Take your first steps toward admission by exploring our website at law.sc.edu, focusing on the detailed information about our admissions standards and the application process, our academic programs, our faculty, and our most recent class profile.

You will submit your application materials to the Law School Admission Council at LSAC.org. Applicants must create an account, take the LSAT or submit their scores on the GRE or GMAT, and participate in the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS).

The Admissions Office is located at the historic Taylor House, 1501 Senate Street, in front of the USC Rice School of Law. Questions? Call us at (803) 777-6605.

Visit or Tour?

- Scan QR code to schedule a tour



Want to Learn More?

- Explore our website at law.sc.edu
- Review our academic programs and cocurricular opportunities



THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA IS THE PALMETTO STATE'S FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY.

The University of South Carolina attracts and retains students from all over the country and the world. The USC system educates more South Carolinians than any other institution in the state. The vibrant university community includes just over 56,000 students - hailing from all 50 states and more than 100 foreign countries - enrolled in highly regarded undergraduate, honors, graduate, and professional programs. South Carolina also has the Carnegie Foundation's top-tier designation for research activity and community engagement, reflecting its dedication to academic excellence.

30+ NUMBER OF ACTIVE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT USC RICE SCHOOL OF LAW

16 STATES AND JAPAN - LOCATIONS WHERE USC RICE 2024 GRADUATES ARE WORKING

The Coleman Karesh Reading Room is a place for quiet, focused study inside the USC Rice School of Law library.



Fall 2025 Entering Class Profile

Class of 2028

- 2114** Applicants 631 admitted (29.85%)
- 221** Entering Class (35.02%)
- 132** Residents (59.72%)
- 89** Non-Residents (40.28%)
- 32** Minority Students (15.61%)*
- 100** Female (45.45%)*
- 120** Male (54.55%)*

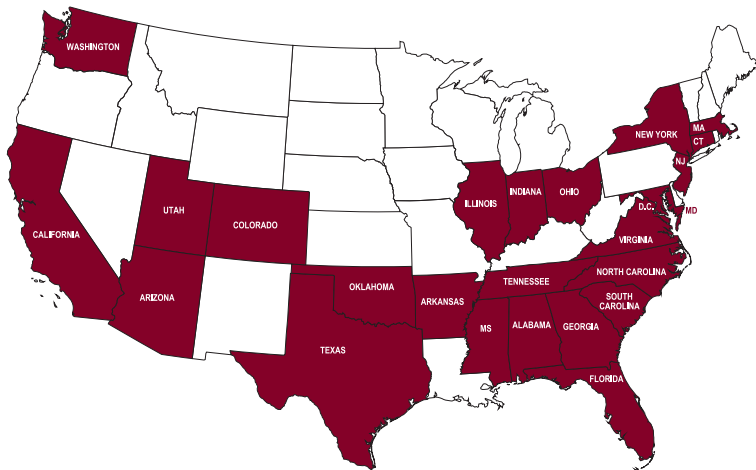
*Of candidates disclosing race, ethnicity, and gender

164/3.91 75th percentile UGPA & LSAT

162/3.67 Median UGPA & LSAT

160/3.43 25th percentile UGPA & LSAT

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2028 HAIL FROM 24 STATES & DC



77 undergraduate schools were represented in the entering class:

University of South Carolina-Columbia (47), Clemson University (35), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (10), Furman University (9), Wofford College (8), University of Georgia (7), College of Charleston (5), Auburn University (4), University of Florida (4), James Madison University (3), The Citadel (3), University of Mississippi (3), University of Virginia (3), Virginia Tech (3), Baylor University (2), Coastal Carolina University (2), Davidson College (2), Georgia Southern University (2), Hampden-Sydney College (2), Lander University (2), North Carolina State University-Raleigh (2), Presbyterian College (2), Texas Christian University (2), University of Alabama (2), University of North Carolina-Charlotte (2), University of South Carolina-Upstate (2), University of Tennessee-Knoxville (2), Washington and Lee University (2)

*A complete list of undergraduate feeder schools is in the Class Profile on the law school website.

** All data are accurate as of 8/13/25 but could change before the class profile is verified by the American Bar Association in October 2025.

Graduate Employment Summary

Class of 2024

SOUTH CAROLINA GRADUATES GET JOBS

USC Rice School of Law graduates engage in experiences that open their eyes - and open doors - to employment opportunities. Eighty-seven percent (87.12%) of USC Rice Law's 2024 graduates took jobs requiring bar passage, surpassing the record-high national rate of 84.3% for this "gold standard" employment outcome. Thirty-nine (39), or 19.30% of our Class of 2024 graduates, continued the pattern established by previous classes of accepting judicial clerkships at a significantly higher level than graduates nationwide. Just 10.0% of 2024 graduates nationwide reported judicial clerkships as their first post-graduate job,

93.56% employed or accepted offer of employment 10 months after graduation

98.93% of all employed graduates accepted a job for which bar passage was required or a JD was an advantage

20.74% of all employed graduates (19.30% of all graduates) accepted a judicial clerkship

16 number of states and Japan where graduates accepted a job

Employment Profile as of March 16, 2025

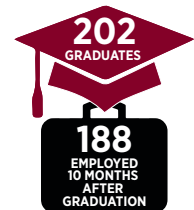
(ABA reporting date)

- 176** In jobs requiring bar passage
- 10** In JD advantage jobs
- 1** In professional jobs

4 Pursuing a post-JD degree in a specialized area

9 Unemployed and seeking a job

0 Employment status unknown

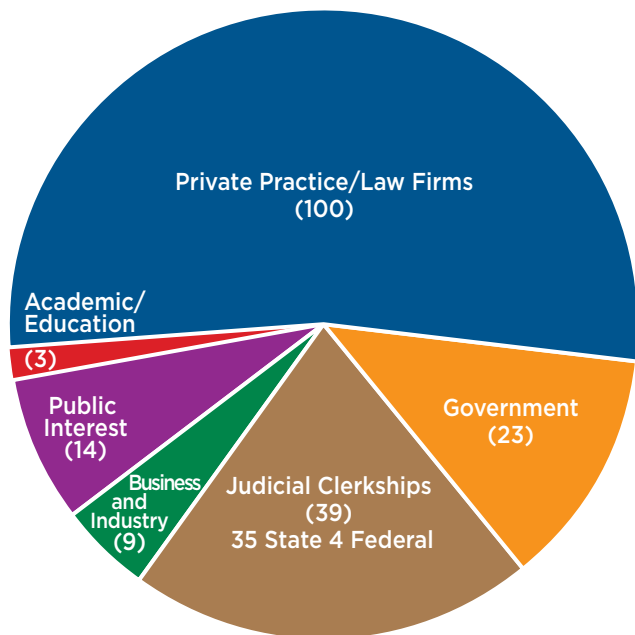


Detailed information about these summary findings is in the ABA mandated employment disclosure, *Employment Summary of 2024 Graduates*, available on our website at law.sc.edu.



Employment – Class of 2024

Employment Types - 202 Graduates



NUMBER OF JOBS BY SIZE OF FIRM

Number of Jobs	Number of Attorneys
16	501+
10	251-500
7	101-250
11	51-100
8	26-50
12	11-25
35	1-10
1	Solo

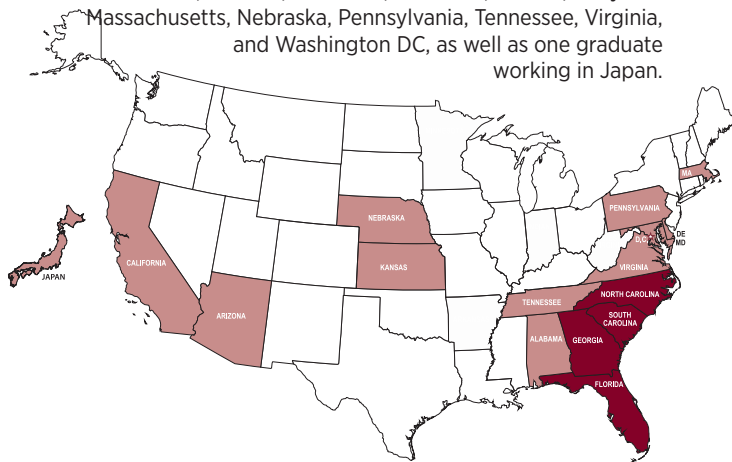
CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A student's success in the job search process is enhanced by self-awareness and active engagement in career exploration activities. USC Rice Law's Office of Career and Professional Development emphasizes individualized career planning to help students discover opportunities, choose satisfying jobs, envision a career pathway, and create strategies to reach their goals. Our team of professionals has years of experience in law practice, in the court system, and in the career and professional development of law students.

To speak with a career consultant, call **(803) 777-8479**. For detailed information about USC Rice Law's graduate employment outcomes, go to law.sc.edu/career.

2024 GRADUATES WERE EMPLOYED IN 16 STATES

While most graduates accepted jobs in the Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida, 2024 USC Rice Law graduates were also working in Alabama, Arizona, California, Delaware, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington DC, as well as one graduate working in Japan.



JOBS & SALARIES REPORTED BY JOB TYPE – CLASS OF 2024*

Starting salaries for law graduates vary dramatically within and between employment sectors and based on the location of the employer. Ask us, or any law school you consider, about the availability of jobs that appeal to you, the frequency and nature

Law Firms
\$60,000–\$225,000

Business & Industry
\$135,000

Government (includes Judicial Clerkships)
\$40,000–\$120,000

Public Interest
\$65,000–\$70,200

of hiring new graduates in each sector, and the availability of entry-level jobs within the typical geographic 'reach' of the law school.

*These salary ranges are based upon reported salaries for full-time, long-term positions for which bar passage was required or a JD was an advantage.

EMPLOYERS OF THE CLASS OF 2024

More than 170 employers in 16 states hired our most recent graduates. Continuing the law school's long history of serving the judiciary, 39 of our graduates secured judicial clerkships at the state and federal level. Our graduates are serving their country in the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and their communities through positions with state and federal government agencies, prosecutor's offices, public defender's offices, and legal services organizations. Our graduates joined firms in large markets and small towns.



First Year Courses

- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Property
- Torts
- Introduction to the Legal Profession
- Legal Research, Analysis and Writing I & II

Upper Level Courses

Business Law

- Advanced Topics in Family Business law
- Antitrust Law and Trade Regulation
- Banking Law
- Business Associations
- Business Torts
- Copyright & Trademark Law
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Tax
- Drafting Business Agreements
- Family Business Law
- Financing the Start Up Business & Venture Capital Financing
- Income Tax
- Intellectual Property
- International Business Transactions
- International Intellectual Property
- International Trade Law
- Law & Economics
- Law & the Political Economy
- Lean Law Firm Lab
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Partnership & LLC Taxation
- Securities Regulation
- Small Business Capstone Course
- Social Impact of Business Activity Seminar

Children's and Family Law

- Advanced Family Law
- Carolina Health Advocacy Medicolegal Partnership (CHAMPS) Clinic
- Children's Law Externship
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Education Law & Policy
- Education Rights Clinic
- Family Law
- Federal Indian Law
- Gender Based Violence Seminar
- Immigration Law
- Juvenile Justice
- Parents, Children & the State
- South Carolina Children's Law, Policy, and Procedure
- Special Education Law
- Youth Defender Clinic

Commercial Law and Bankruptcy

- Banking Law
- Bankruptcy
- Consumer Law
- Secured Transactions
- Sales

Constitutional Rights

- Civil Rights Litigation
- Constitutional Equality Law
- Contemporary Topics in National Security and International Law
- Eighth Amendment Law & Litigation
- Election Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Liberty Seminar
- State Constitutional Law
- The Reconstruction Constitution
- Voting Rights Seminar

Criminal Law

- Advanced Evidence
- Criminal Adjudication
- Criminal Law Externship
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Criminal Procedure
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Eighth Amendment Law & Litigation
- Federal Criminal Practice Capstone
- Gender Based Violence Seminar
- Police Law & Policy
- Race, American Society, and the Law
- Regulation of Vice
- SC Criminal Law and Procedure
- Trial Advocacy
- Wrongful Conviction Seminar
- Youth Defender Clinic

Environmental Law

- Administrative Law
- Beach Law Seminar
- Climate Change Seminar
- Coastal Law
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law and Policy
- Environmental Law of Natural Resources
- Environmental Law of South Carolina
- International Environmental Law
- Land Use Planning
- Public Lands Law
- Water Law

Health Law

- Administrative Law
- Bioethics Seminar
- Food & Drug Law
- Food Law & Policy
- Health Law & Policy
- Health Law and Policy Survey II: Financing and Organization
- Insurance
- Intersection of Health Law and Technology
- Public Health Law
- Topics in Insurance Law

Intellectual Property Law

- Copyright and Trademark Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Intellectual Property
- Patent Law

International and Comparative Law

- Contemporary Topics in National Security and International Law
- Cross Border Dispute Resolution and Arbitration
- International Business Transactions
- International Criminal Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Trade Law
- Public International Law
- Seminar on Comparative Inequality
- Use of Force and the Law of Armed Conflict
- Use of Force, Sanctions, and Technology Transfer Law

Labor and Employment Law

- ADR in Employment Law Workshop
- Disability Law
- Employment Discrimination
- Individual Employment Law
- Principles of Labor Law
- South Carolina Workers Compensation

Litigation

- Administrative Law
- Advanced Legal Writing
- ADR in Employment Law Workshop
- Advanced Civil Procedure
- Advanced Evidence
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Appellate Advocacy

- Civil Litigation Capstone Course
- Conflict of Laws
- Criminal Practice Clinic
- Domestic Violence Clinic
- Evidence
- Federal Courts
- Federal Criminal Practice Capstone
- Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiation
- Legal and Equitable Remedies
- Problems in Professional Responsibility
- Restitution and Unjust Enrichment
- Topics in Insurance Law
- Trial Advocacy
- Youth Defender Clinic

Probate and Estate Planning

- Elder Law
- Estate Planning
- Fiduciary Administration
- Income Tax
- Wills, Trusts, and Estates

Real Estate Law

- Environmental Law and Policy
- Estate Planning
- Land Use Planning
- Real Estate Transactions I & II
- Real Estate Transaction Capstone

Taxation

- Corporate Tax
- Income Tax
- Low Income Taxpayer Clinic
- Partnership & LLC Taxation
- Small Business Capstone Course
- Tax Policy Seminar
- Tax Practicum
- Taxation of Property Transactions

Technology Law

- Artificial Intelligence, Law, Ethics, and Policy
- Bioethics Seminar
- Climate Change Seminar
- Copyright and Trademark Law
- Cybersecurity Law and Policy
- Data Law
- Data Privacy
- Drafting Generative AI
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law and Policy
- FinTech Law, Financial Regulation, & Policy
- Intellectual Property
- International Intellectual Property
- Patent Law
- Products Liability
- Technology Innovation and Law Externship
- Technology Law & Criminal Prosecution
- Technology and the Practice of Law
- Technology Law: Law of the Newly Possible
- The Future of the Legal Profession
- Transportation Law
- Use of Force, Sanctions, and Technology Transfer Law

Combination Degree Programs

- Law and Accountancy, J.D./M. Acc.
- Law and Business Administration, J.D./M.B.A.
- Law and Criminology and Criminal Justice, J.D./M.A.
- Law and Economics, J.D./M.A.
- Law and Earth and Environmental Resources Management, J.D./M.E.E.R.M.
- Law and Health Administration, J.D./M.H.A.
- Law and Human Resources, J.D./M.H.R.
- Law and International Business Administration, J.D./I.M.B.A.
- Law and Mass Communication, J.D./M.M.C.
- Law and Public Administration, J.D./M.P.A.
- Law and Social Work, J.D./M.S.W.



Campus Map

