Class of 2017 Notched Best JD Employment Outcomes Since Recession

The overall employment rate for law school graduates in the class of 2017 rose more than one full percentage point, to 88.6 percent of graduates for whom employment status was know, according to the **National Association for Law Placement**.

THE NALP reported:

> For the third year in a row the actual number of jobs obtained was flat or went down in virtually every sector except the largest law firms of more than 500 lawyers. Members of this class secured just 16,390 jobs in law firms of any size, down by more than 4,000 since the number of those jobs peaked for the Class of 2007. And while the largest law firms of more than 500 lawyers hired more law school graduates than at any time since the recession, the number of entry-level jobs at those firms is still off by nearly 600 positions compared with the peak hiring measured with the Class of 2008.

The study found that the national median salary for the class of 2017 was $70,000.

Read the NALP report.