



AFTER IT'S ALL OVER— WHAT COMES NEXT?

Despite the gloomy talk all around us, the 1975 law school graduates have found the employment picture not much different from what it was in 1973 and 1974. The important announcement is that most of them have jobs.

The Placement Office reports that new lawyers have had to look a little harder than in some previous years. This appears also to be true for the 1976 graduates. The departments of the Federal government, for example, have cut back their recruiting schedules. Applicants who go to Washington, however, have found that there are jobs available.

* * *

Of the 290 students who graduated in 1974-75, 249 have reported their whereabouts.

Private practice has claimed 139 of them (56%), compared to 40% in 1973 and 45% in 1974. Of these, 24 people (17%) have begun to practice alone, or associated with classmates. Eighty percent (119) of the private practitioners are located in Wisconsin compared to 83% in 1973 and 75% in 1974, 25 in Milwaukee and 37 in Madison.

Fifty-two people (20%) have accepted jobs in government, 75% of these in state and local positions. The largest group is in the District Attorneys' offices, where the prosecuting staffs have grown tremendously in recent years. Only 13 1975 graduates are in federal employment, down from 32 a year earlier.

In 1973, there were 9 judicial clerks. In 1974, 17 graduates were appointed clerks to federal and state supreme court judges. Of the class of 1975, 13 received clerkships, seven in Wisconsin and 6 elsewhere.

Employment in legal services programs, such as Indian Legal Services and legal aid offices is down in 1975 from 15 (1973), 16 (1974) to 11 positions, 7 in Wisconsin.

Thirteen graduates have positions in business, such as banks, insurance companies and accounting firms. There were 21 in 1974 and 11 in 1973.

The military contingent shows a marked decline: three this year, compared to 8 in each of the previous years.

It is quite clear from the responses of the recent graduates that many of them do not feel permanently settled. The interested reader and interpreter of the information provided realizes that the first job is not considered the career, and that changes occur frequently, as new opportunities appear or old opportunities fade away. All our figures provide is a hopeful indication.