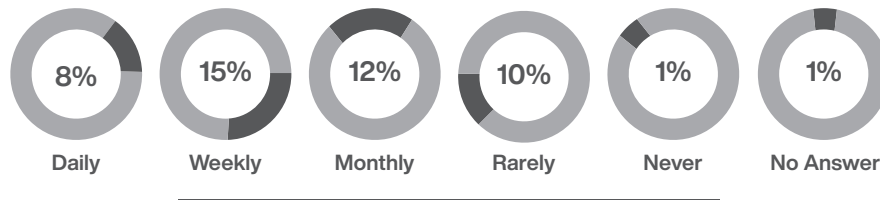


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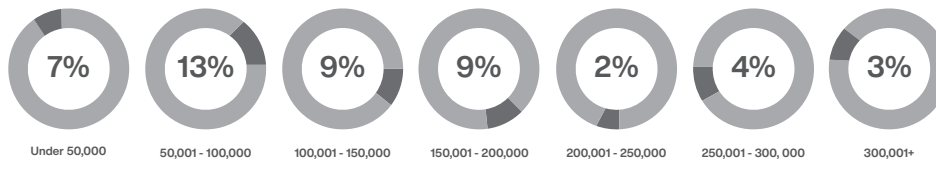
Lawyers of Color surveyed nearly 50 current law students from different parts the country attending different types of law schools. We asked them questions on a range of topics from their experiences with microaggressions to the amount of their student loan debt to their job prospects. Here are the results.

- How often do you experience microaggressions at your law school?



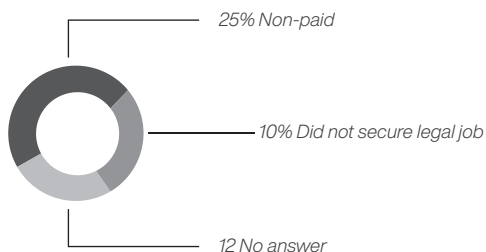
[About half of respondents said they experience microaggressions at law school at least weekly.]

- When you finish law school, how much will you owe in total undergraduate and law loans?

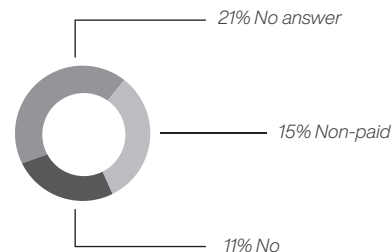


[About a third of respondents said they had over \$150,000 in student debt. Seven have more than \$250,000..]

- Did you secure a legal job after first year?

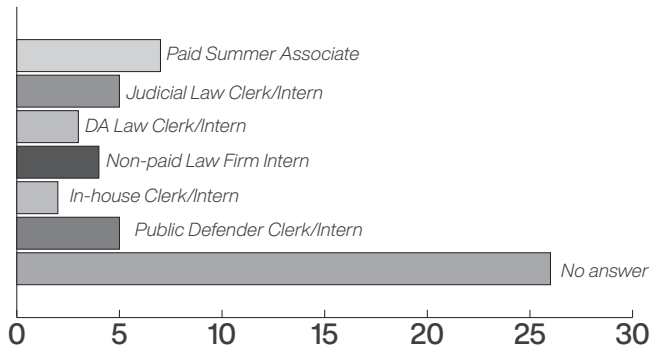


- Did you secure a legal job after second year?

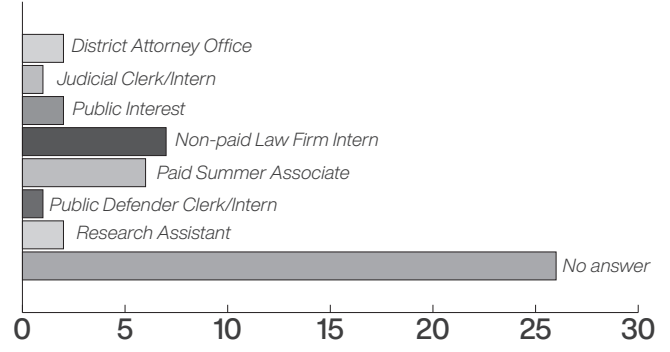


[More than half of respondents did not secure a paid legal job following first or second year of law school.]

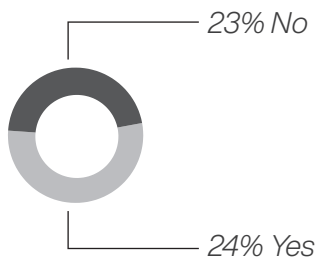
• If you secured a legal job following your first year of law school, what was your employment status in that position?



[Summer job during law school job distribution.]

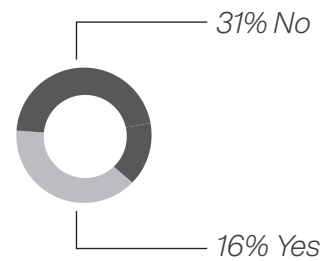


• Do you feel you receive adequate faculty and administrative support from your law school?



[Only half of respondents feel they receive adequate faculty and administrative support from their law schools.]

• Is there adequate black faculty at your law school?



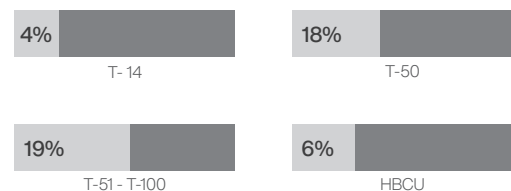
[Most respondents don't feel their law schools have adequate black faculty.]

How do you intend to pay your student loan debt?



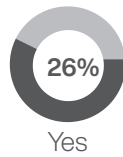
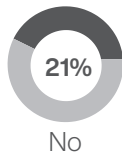
[Nearly a third of respondents said they have no idea how they are going to pay off their student loans.]

• What is your law school ranked (as designated by 2020 U.S. News & World Reports)?

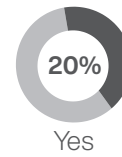


[A few respondents attend T-14 law schools. Most of the respondents attend law schools ranked in the second and third tiers.]

• When you entered law school, were you aware of the employment numbers your school submitted to ABA?



• Are you now aware of the employment numbers your school submitted to ABA?



[Many law students do not pay attention to their law school's employment placement figures.]

• How has the coronavirus pandemic impacted your employment prospects?

- My Summer Associate program was cancelled, but I received a job offer for after graduation and summer stipend.
- My initial in house internship was cancelled, which forced me to find a new summer opportunity. (both are paid summer positions)
- My pay decreased 15% and instead of being paid for 10 weeks, I'm being paid for 5 weeks. I still have my position, but I'm worried that I missed out on 5 additional weeks of experience that other students are receiving.
- My internship turned from a paid opportunity to an unpaid opportunity.
- It has made my 10 week in person summer program a 4 week virtual program.
- It cancelled my employment prospects. I withdrew applications to prevent bringing something home to my elderly father.
- I was unable to do my original summer job. With my current position in the clinic I am unable to meet with clients, go to court, or do some of the presentations that the clinic usually does. However, I still feel that I was able to gain a lot from my position.
- I was not able to intern this year with a firm. I wanted to get court experience and the courts weren't open.
- I had to move to a different City.
- I chose to take summer classes instead of pursuing summer employment because many firms suspended summer positions.

[While less than 5 sighted no difference, 20 said they were negatively impacted either through things like job opportunities being put on hold or positions being reduced or rescinded.]