

# SALT EQUALIZER

Volume 2015, Issue 1

Society of American Law Teachers

June 2015

## In This Issue

*This issue of the SALT Equalizer contains the 2014–15 SALT salary survey results. Information for Regions III–VII continues on pages 2, 3 and 4.*

## Survey Information and Methodology

SALT is delighted to present the 2014–15 SALT Salary Survey, our annual survey of academic year law faculty salaries. The survey, conducted by Eric Janus, President and Dean of the William Mitchell College of Law, reports the median base salaries for three faculty ranks – assistant professor, pre-tenure associate professor, and tenured professor (both associate and full) – and median summer stipends in alphabetical order by school, in seven regions. Of the 200 surveyed schools in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, 82 law schools (41%) are represented in this year's survey. This number reflects the 50 law schools that submitted new information for the 2014–15 academic year, in addition to another 32 law schools that reported information for last year's survey (academic year 2013–14) or the

*Survey Information, continued on page 2*

## SALT EQUALIZER

The SALT *Equalizer* is a publication of the Society of American Law Teachers.

Raleigh Hannah Levine	Editor
Virginia Sutton	Layout
Olympia Duhart	Co-President
Ruben J. Garcia	Co-President
Adele Morrison	Secretary
Patricia A. Cain	Treasurer

To contact the SALT *Equalizer*, write the editor at William Mitchell College of Law, 875 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105-3076; call (651) 290-7503; or e-mail [raleigh.levine@wmitchell.edu](mailto:raleigh.levine@wmitchell.edu). Visit the SALT website at [www.saltlaw.org](http://www.saltlaw.org).

## 2014–15 SALT Salary Survey

Region I (Far West)*				
NAME OF SCHOOL	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	PRE-TENURE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	TENURED PROFESSOR (ASSOC. & FULL)	SUMMER RESEARCH STIPEND
Cal Western**	Not applicable or not available (NA)	NA	\$158,842	\$10,000
Golden Gate**	NA	\$130,200	\$138,121	\$8,000
Hawai'i**	\$114,024	\$139,716	\$161,832	\$7,500
Loyola-Los Angeles***	\$114,268	\$132,457	\$174,653	\$15,000
Nevada-Las Vegas**	NA	\$108,000	\$147,002	\$17,000
Pacific-McGeorge**	NA	NA	\$142,203	\$12,000
Pepperdine	NA	\$149,000	\$164,500	\$13,500
San Diego	\$143,000	NA	\$188,000	\$15,000
Thomas Jefferson	NA	\$104,500	\$120,650	NA
UC-Hastings	NA	\$137,842	\$180,004	\$12,000

\*Arizona, Arizona State, Brigham Young, Chapman, La Verne, Phoenix, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Southern California, Southwestern, Stanford, UC-Berkeley, UC-Davis, UCLA, Utah, Western State, and Whittier did not report information for academic years 2012–13, 2013–14, or 2014–15.

\*\*Cal Western, Golden Gate, Hawai'i, Nevada-Las Vegas, and Pacific-McGeorge reported information for the 2013–14 salary survey, but did not update that information for this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2013–14.

\*\*\*Loyola-Los Angeles reported information for the 2012–13 salary survey, but did not update that information for last year's or this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2012–13.

Region II (Northwest and Great Plains)*				
NAME OF SCHOOL	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	PRE-TENURE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	TENURED PROFESSOR (ASSOC. & FULL)	SUMMER RESEARCH STIPEND
Creighton	NA	NA	\$130,700	\$8,000
Gonzaga	\$88,200	NA	\$138,657	\$3,000
Hamline***	\$92,000	\$99,663	\$134,581	\$10,000
Idaho	\$57,242	\$93,621	\$114,317	\$14,500
Iowa***	NA	\$134,550	\$184,800	\$15,000
Montana	\$80,005	\$88,640	\$109,634	\$10,000
Nebraska**	\$102,964	\$109,592	\$154,764	\$11,000
North Dakota	\$84,975	\$93,850	\$146,293	\$6,000
Oregon	\$122,007	NA	\$174,061	\$10,000
William Mitchell	NA	NA	\$121,113	\$3,000

\*Drake, Lewis & Clark, Minnesota, Saint Thomas-MN, Seattle, South Dakota, Washington, Willamette, and Wyoming did not report information for academic years 2012–13, 2013–14, or 2014–15.

\*\*Nebraska reported information for the 2013–14 salary survey, but did not update that information for this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2013–14.

\*\*\*Hamline and Iowa reported information for the 2012–13 salary survey, but did not update that information for last year's or this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2012–13.

**Region III (Southwest and South Central)\***

NAME OF SCHOOL	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	PRE-TENURE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	TENURED PROFESSOR (ASSOC. & FULL)	SUMMER RESEARCH STIPEND
Arkansas-Fayetteville	\$96,100	\$113,500	\$148,700	\$19,300
Arkansas-Little Rock	\$92,436	\$96,217	\$124,051	\$3,500
Denver	\$110,035	NA	\$149,743	\$9,000
Kansas	NA	\$123,493	\$173,604	\$12,000
Louisiana State	\$125,850	\$119,000	\$138,774	\$18,000
Loyola-New Orleans	NA	\$103,308	\$133,899	\$9,000
Missouri-Columbia**	NA	\$101,821	\$143,932	\$10,000
Missouri-Kansas City**	NA	\$92,000	\$121,800	\$7,500
New Mexico	\$99,066	\$96,467	\$127,884	\$17,000
Oklahoma	NA	\$110,045	\$162,484	\$12,000
Oklahoma City	\$95,000	\$105,000	\$124,000	\$10,000
Saint Louis	\$103,800	NA	\$131,500	NA
South Texas	\$93,035	\$96,520	\$146,225	\$10,500
Texas A&M	\$70,000	\$106,585	\$138,594	\$15,000
Texas Southern	\$99,500	\$106,491	\$135,245	\$10,000
Texas Tech	\$113,000	\$116,550	\$155,247	\$9,000
Washburn	NA	\$103,819	\$137,918	\$6,000

\*Baylor, Colorado, Houston, Saint Mary's, Southern, Southern Methodist, Texas, Tulane, Tulsa, and Washington-St. Louis did not report information for academic years 2012-13, 2013-14, or 2014-15.

\*\*Missouri-Columbia and Missouri-Kansas City reported information for the 2013-14 salary survey, but did not update that information for this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2013-14.

**Region IV (Great Lakes)\***

NAME OF SCHOOL	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	PRE-TENURE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	TENURED PROFESSOR (ASSOC. & FULL)	SUMMER RESEARCH STIPEND
Akron	NA	\$104,382	\$131,285	\$10,000
Capital***	\$95,114	NA	\$156,071	\$6,955
Case Western	\$126,250	\$141,400	\$187,500	\$8,500
Cleveland-Marshall**	\$95,230	\$107,527	\$133,618	\$10,000
Indiana-Indianapolis	NA	\$100,000	\$126,260	\$14,000
John Marshall-Chicago	\$136,003	\$135,244	\$156,168	\$10,000
Michigan State	\$116,000	\$120,568	\$136,000	\$12,000
Ohio State	\$121,800	NA	\$175,002	\$12,500
Southern Illinois**	\$84,253	NA	\$119,059	\$10,921
Toledo**	\$93,000	\$103,000	\$130,749	\$12,000
Valparaiso**	\$107,335	\$122,503	\$157,797	NA
Wayne State	\$109,832	\$111,778	\$153,387	\$10,133
West Virginia	NA	\$108,507	\$132,829	\$10,000

\*Ave Maria, Chicago, Chicago-Kent, Cincinnati, Dayton, DePaul, Detroit, Illinois, Indiana-Bloomington, Loyola-Chicago, Marquette, Michigan, Northern Illinois, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Ohio Northern, Thomas M. Cooley, and Wisconsin did not report information for academic years 2012-13, 2013-14, or 2014-15.

\*\*Cleveland Marshall, Southern Illinois, Toledo, and Valparaiso reported information for the 2013-14 salary survey, but did not update that information for this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2013-14.

\*\*\*Capital reported information for the 2012-13 salary survey, but did not update that information for last year's or this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2012-13.

*Survey Information, continued from page 1*

previous year's survey (academic year 2012-13). For those 32 schools, we have reported the most recent data on record, with a note indicating that the information is for 2013-14 or 2012-13.

The survey questionnaire, which is reproduced in full on page 5 of this issue, requested base salary medians for each of the three faculty ranks. Schools were instructed not to include in the base salary medians any fringe benefits (e.g., health care benefits, retirement benefits, dependents' tuition benefits, domestic partner benefits, travel funding, book allowance, research assistant funding, or summer research and teaching stipends), and to report on the salaries only of tenure-track professors, not of deans or administrators. Summer stipend information was requested separately, as a single median for all faculty ranks.

The survey questionnaire was initially emailed in March 2015 to the office of the dean at each of the 200 law schools, with a request that the school reply by April 17, 2015. If the school failed to reply to the initial email, Dean Janus's office followed up with reminder emails, and, if the reminder emails also failed to elicit a response, with telephone calls.

Although SALT does not survey schools for information on the salaries of non-tenure-track legal writing faculty, the Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) and the Legal Writing Institute (LWI) jointly sponsor an annual national survey of legal writing programs at approximately 140 law schools. That data can be found on the LWI website at <http://www.lwionline.org/surveys.html>.

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) collects data on law librarian salaries. AALL members may access the survey results online, at no charge, at <http://www.aallnet.org/mm/Publications/salary-survey>. Non-members may purchase a hard copy version from the same website.

The Center for the Study of Applied Legal Education has collected salary and compensation data for clinicians, available by emailing [administrator@csale.org](mailto:administrator@csale.org).

We thank all of the schools that participated in this year's SALT Salary Survey.

## Region V (Southeast)\*

NAME OF SCHOOL	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	PRE-TENURE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	TENURED PROFESSOR (ASSOC. & FULL)	SUMMER RESEARCH STIPEND
Florida***	\$111,240	\$125,742	\$158,000	\$26,757
Florida International***	\$100,000	\$110,000	\$162,690	\$12,000
Georgia***	\$121,400	\$144,000	\$180,765	\$27,500
Kentucky	\$111,000	NA	\$142,602	\$12,500
Louisville	\$87,176	\$99,345	\$149,657	\$6,500
Memphis***	\$88,683	\$94,890	\$132,310	\$7,000
Mercer	\$94,605	\$98,532	\$113,529	\$9,900
Mississippi **	\$108,500	NA	\$145,539	\$9,000
Mississippi College**	\$101,000	\$105,000	\$141,000	\$7,000
Northern Kentucky***	\$92,122	\$94,385	\$127,235	\$10,000
Nova Southeastern	NA	\$97,850	\$154,859	\$10,000
Stetson	NA	\$111,092	\$164,528	\$12,982
Tennessee	NA	\$100,700	\$137,390	\$17,000

\*Alabama, Barry, Emory, Faulkner, Florida A&M, Florida Coastal, Florida State, Georgia State, Inter American-PR, John Marshall-Atlanta, Miami, Pontifical Catholic-PR, Puerto Rico, Saint Thomas-FL, Samford-Cumberland, and Vanderbilt did not report information for academic years 2012-13, 2013-14, or 2014-15.

\*\*Mississippi and Mississippi College reported information for the 2013-14 salary survey, but did not update that information for this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2013-14.

\*\*\*Florida, Florida-International, Georgia, Memphis, and Northern Kentucky reported information for the 2012-13 salary survey, but did not update that information for last year's or this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2012-13.

## Region VI (Mid-Atlantic)\*

NAME OF SCHOOL	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	PRE-TENURE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	TENURED PROFESSOR (ASSOC. & FULL)	SUMMER RESEARCH STIPEND
Baltimore***	\$112,000	\$117,000	\$148,900	\$10,000
Charleston	\$91,800	\$96,800	\$136,696	\$15,000
District of Columbia	\$94,673	\$118,450	\$149,350	\$10,500
Drexel**	\$114,221	\$126,099	\$157,015	\$15,000
North Carolina**	\$138,108	NA	\$181,286	\$15,000
Penn State**	\$121,032	\$141,908	\$166,365	\$20,000
Rutgers-Camden***	\$121,251	NA	\$171,508	\$10,187
Rutgers-Newark	\$132,145	\$149,104	\$190,529	NA
South Carolina**	\$114,860	NA	\$140,080	\$20,250
Wake Forest	\$125,363	\$127,506	\$179,215	\$13,000

\*American, Appalachian, Campbell, Catholic-DC, Charlotte, Duke, Duquesne, Elon, George Mason, George Washington, Georgetown, Howard, JAG, Liberty, Maryland, North Carolina Central, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Regent, Richmond, Seton Hall, Temple, Villanova, Virginia, Washington & Lee, Widener-Delaware, Widener-Harrisburg, and William & Mary did not report information for academic years 2012-13, 2013-14, or 2014-15.

\*\*Drexel, North Carolina, Penn State, and South Carolina reported information for the 2013-14 salary survey, but did not update that information for this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2013-14.

\*\*\*Baltimore and Rutgers-Camden reported information for the 2012-13 salary survey, but did not update that information for last year's or this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2012-13.

## About SALT and SALT Membership

Since 1973, the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) has been an independent organization of law teachers, law deans, law librarians, and other legal educational professionals working to enhance the quality of legal education, make the legal profession more inclusive, and extend legal representation to under-served individuals and communities. SALT has been at the forefront of national debates about legal education and legal institutions. SALT challenges faculty, staff, and students to promote the profession's core values of equality and justice, and to oppose illegal and inequitable practices.

Although this salary survey will be made available to many non-members of SALT, regular updates such as this one from SALT are e-mailed directly to members. In addition to regular email updates, SALT members receive reduced rates at SALT conferences, are represented nationally on issues affecting legal education, and enjoy the opportunity to join with hundreds of colleagues across the nation who are committed to progressive values in legal education. You can learn more about SALT and SALT membership at [www.saltlaw.org](http://www.saltlaw.org). If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact SALT's co-presidents, Olympia Duhart and Ruben Garcia, at [info@saltlaw.org](mailto:info@saltlaw.org).

**Please join SALT or renew your SALT membership by registering online** at [www.saltlaw.org/join-or-renew](http://www.saltlaw.org/join-or-renew). Our regular membership levels are tied to position within the legal academy. SALT membership is on an academic year basis; membership runs through August 31 of each calendar year.

Current membership levels are as follows:

- Fellows and visiting assistant professors: \$55 per year
- Adjunct faculty and retired teachers: \$75 per year
- Non-tenure track faculty, librarians, academic support, and staff: \$100 per year
- Tenure track faculty: \$125 per year
- Tenured faculty and senior administrative personnel: \$150 per year

**About SALT and SALT membership,**  
continued on page 4

Region VII (Northeast)*				
NAME OF SCHOOL	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	PRE-TENURE ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	TENURED PROFESSOR (ASSOC. & FULL)	SUMMER RESEARCH STIPEND
Albany	NA	\$100,525	\$128,750	NA
Connecticut	NA	\$128,293	\$187,263	\$10,000
CUNY	\$98,840	\$118,596	\$144,367	\$8,500
Maine	NA	\$103,736	\$127,027	\$8,000
Northeastern	NA	\$143,720	\$182,912	\$8,000
Pace	\$136,950	NA	\$172,550	\$6,000
Suffolk***	NA	\$84,147	\$149,094	\$13,000
Vermont**	NA	\$120,392	\$126,753	NA
Western New England**	\$92,393	\$100,468	\$144,866	NA

\*Boston College, Boston University, Brooklyn, Cardozo, Columbia, Cornell, Fordham, Harvard, Hofstra, New England, New Hampshire, New York Law, NYU, Quinnipiac, Roger Williams, Saint John's, SUNY-Buffalo, Syracuse, Touro, and Yale did not report information for academic years 2012-13, 2013-14, or 2014-15.  
 \*\*Vermont and Western New England reported information for the 2013-14 salary survey, but did not update that information for this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2013-14.  
 \*\*\*Suffolk reported information for the 2012-13 salary survey, but did not update that information for last year's or this year's salary survey. The amounts listed are the amounts reported for the academic year 2012-13.

**About SALT and SALT membership,**  
*continued from page 3*

- Lifetime membership for those retiring from the academy: \$1,200 one-time
- We also offer affiliate membership to those not working in the legal academy – law firms, law students, lawyers, accredited legal services workers, law office support staff, and members of the public.
- Please stay posted for updates to the 2015-16 membership rates. We are planning exciting changes to SALT's membership structure to make SALT more accessible!

## Survey Instrument

**BY APRIL 17, 2015, PLEASE RETURN ANSWERS BY EMAIL TO:**

Dean Eric Janus  
William Mitchell College of Law  
875 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55105  
c/o [Lynette.Fraction@wmitchell.edu](mailto:Lynette.Fraction@wmitchell.edu)  
651-290-6431

The Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) annually surveys law schools in the United States regarding salaries paid to law professors. The salary survey results are published in SALT's newsletter, the *Equalizer*. SALT asks your participation in this year's survey. Should you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Lynette Fraction (for Dean Eric Janus, William Mitchell College of Law) at 651-290-6431 or [Lynette.Fraction@wmitchell.edu](mailto:Lynette.Fraction@wmitchell.edu).

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Response prepared by

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### SALT SALARY SURVEY 2014-2015

#### Base Salary:

Please do NOT include fringe benefits (e.g., health care benefits, retirement benefits, dependents' tuition benefits, domestic partner benefits, travel funding, book allowance, research assistant funding, or summer research and teaching stipends).

**Rank** (Include only tenure-track professors.  
Do not include deans' or administrators' salaries.)

**Median Base Salary (\$)**

Assistant Professor

\_\_\_\_\_

Pre-tenure Associate Professor

\_\_\_\_\_

Tenured Professor (Associate and Full)

\_\_\_\_\_

#### Summer Research Stipend:

**Median Stipend (\$)**

All eligible faculty

\_\_\_\_\_

# WILLIAM MITCHELL COLLEGE OF LAW

875 Summit Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55105-3076  
www.wmitchell.edu

*SALT Equalizer*

Professor Raleigh Hannah Levine, Editor

---

## Society of American Law Teachers

### Co-Presidents

Olympia Duhart (Nova Southeastern)  
Ruben Garcia (UNLV)

### Past Presidents (in order of service)

Norman Dorsen (NYU)  
Howard Lesnick (Pennsylvania)  
David L. Chambers (Michigan)  
George J. Alexander (Santa Clara)  
Wendy W. Williams (Georgetown)  
Rhonda R. Rivera (Ohio State)  
Emma Coleman Jordan (Georgetown)  
Charles R. Lawrence III (Hawai'i)  
Howard A. Glickstein (Touro)  
Sylvia A. Law (NYU)  
Patricia A. Cain (Santa Clara)  
Jean C. Love (Santa Clara)  
Linda S. Greene (Wisconsin)  
Phoebe A. Haddon (Maryland)  
Stephanie M. Wildman (Santa Clara)  
Carol Chomsky (Minnesota)  
Margaret E. Montoya (New Mexico)  
Paula C. Johnson (Syracuse)  
Michael Rooke-Ley (Willamette)  
José R. Juárez, Jr. (Denver)  
Holly Maguigan (NYU)  
Eileen Kaufman (Touro)  
Tayyab Mahmud (Seattle)

Margaret Martin Barry (Vermont)  
Deborah Waire Post (Touro)  
Raquel Aldana (McGeorge)  
Steven W. Bender (Seattle)  
Jackie Gardina (Vermont)  
Ngai Pindell (UNLV)

### Past Vice-Presidents

Anthony G. Amsterdam (NYU)  
Derrick A. Bell, Jr. (NYU)  
Gary Bellow (Harvard)  
Ralph S. Brown, Jr. (Yale)  
Thomas Emerson (Yale)

### Secretary

Adele Morrison (Wayne State)

### Treasurer

Patricia A. Cain (Santa Clara)

### Equalizer Editor

Raleigh Hannah Levine (William Mitchell)

### CLEA Liaison

Ian Weinstein (Fordham)

### Board of Governors

Claudia Angelos (NYU)  
Elvia Arriola (Northern Illinois)  
Deepa Badrinarayana (Chapman)  
Emily Benfer (Loyola-Chicago)

Barbara Bernier (Florida A&M)  
Mary Lou Bilek (Dean, UMass-Dartmouth)  
Pat Broussard (Florida A&M)  
Kim Chanbonpin (The John Marshall-Chicago)  
Doug Colbert (Maryland)  
Benjamin Davis (Toledo)  
Davida Finger (Loyola-New Orleans)  
Alexi Freeman (Denver)  
Brooks Holland (Gonzaga)  
Peter Joy (Washington-St. Louis)  
Margaret Kwoka (Denver)  
Beth Lyon (Villanova)  
Karla McKanders (Tennessee)  
Beverly Moran (Vanderbilt)  
Peter Nicolas (Washington)  
Hari Osofsky (Minnesota)  
Sara Rankin (Seattle)  
Denise Roy (William Mitchell)  
Robin Runge (George Washington)  
Natsu Taylor Saito (Georgia State)  
Colleen Shanahan (Georgetown)  
Mark Sidel (Wisconsin)  
Nareissa Smith (NCCU)  
SpearIt (Texas Southern)  
Amy Vorenberg (New Hampshire)  
Kaimipono Wenger (Thomas Jefferson)  
James Wilets (Nova Southeastern)

---