

Tuition v. salary

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A prospective law school student has many options in Canada. When focusing on first-year tuition alone, a school student can expect to pay anywhere from about \$4,000 to nearly \$30,000. A law school graduate's first-year salary after being called to the bar varies widely across the country. A random sampling of earnings revealed a lawyer can anticipate \$57,500 in Eastern Canada, but a first-year lawyer might negotiate a starting salary in excess of \$100,000 with a larger Toronto firm.

So break out the abacus, a little simple math can help you figure out how many years of lawyering it might take to pay back those student loans.

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Earnings estimates obtained from the firms directly or NALP Canada

■ 1ST YEAR ASSOCIATES SALARY (GREEN)
■ 1ST YEAR LAW SCHOOL TUITION (RED)

