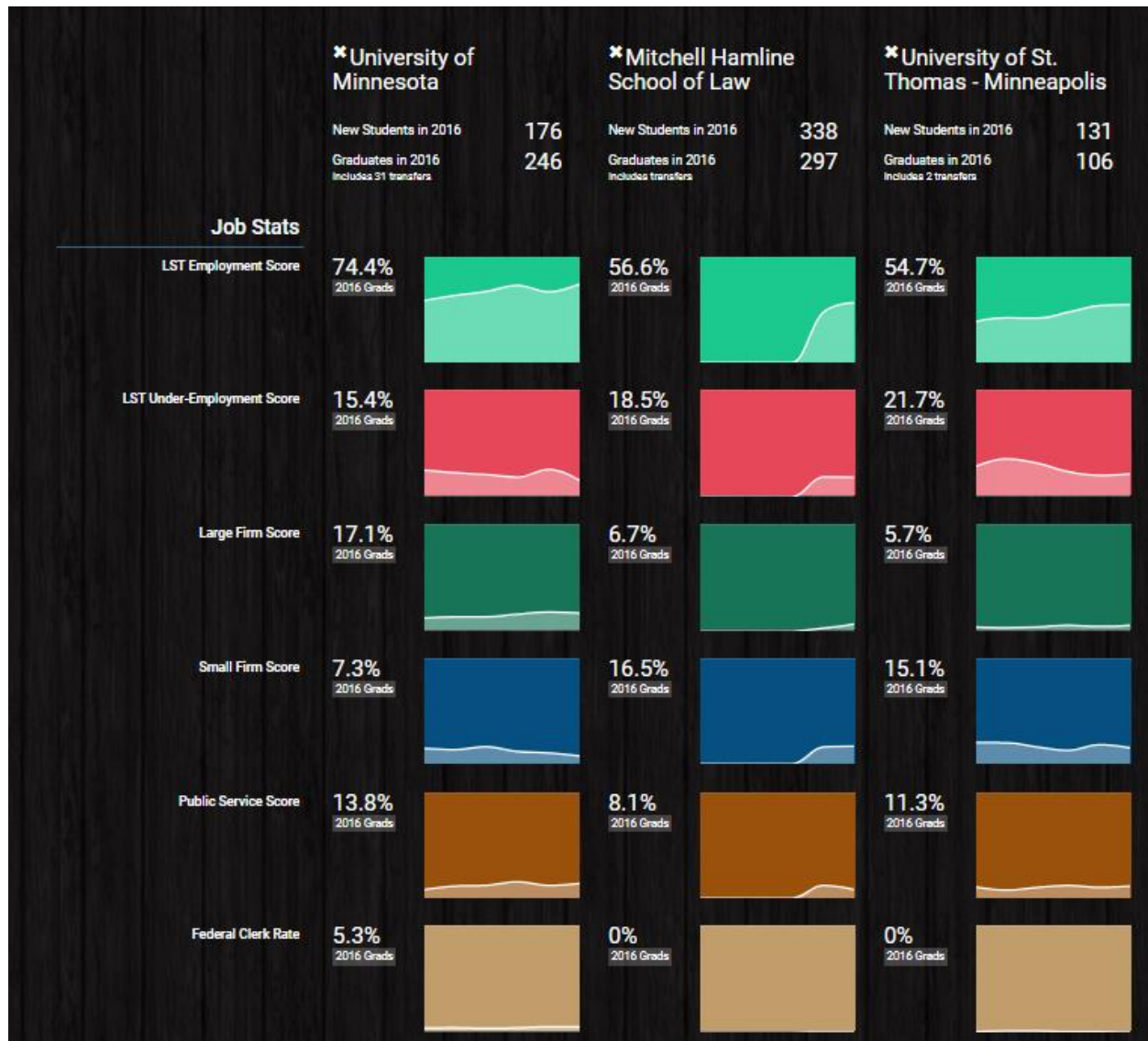


## A Snippet About Law Schools

Some thoughts on American law schools. *Law School Confidential* and *Don't Go To Law School (Unless)*, two books on reserve in the library, get into all of this in more detail, but basically the legal world is *much, much* more hierarchical than the rest of the economy. Where you go to law school will be highly determinative of your opportunities, which we will discuss in class.

There is a website called Law School Transparency with the best trove of data about costs, employment numbers, etc. – and you must go there and play around with this data before deciding where to go to law school. But I will give you a tiny snippet here. Below are comparative numbers for the three Minnesota law schools, and this is a pretty representative sample – akin to comparing any state school (Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois – who would generally be considered “second tier” which is very good) with any “third-tier” private law school (John Marshall, Loyola, etc.)



## Admission & Retention

LSAT	159 Minimal 25th	164 Minimal 50th	166 Minimal 75th	145 Very High 25th	150 Midlevel 50th	154 Low 75th	149 High 25th	153 Low 50th	156 Minimal 75th
GPA	3.48 25th	3.76 50th	3.87 75th	2.94 25th	3.2 50th	3.49 75th	3.15 25th	3.35 50th	3.62 75th
1L Attrition	1.7%			0%			0%		
<b>Cost</b>									
Non-Discounted Cost	\$227,066 Resident			\$222,621			\$211,153		
Monthly Payment	\$2,601 /month for 10 years Resident			\$2,549 /month for 10 years			\$2,416 /month for 10 years		
2016-17 Tuition	\$43,231 Resident			\$40,570			\$39,077		

	LST Employment Score	LST Under-Employment Score	Graduates 2016	Enrollment Starting in 2016	Full Price Projected Debt Students Starting in 2017-18
University of Minnesota 61.8% employed in MN	74.4% 2016 Grads 	15.4% 2016 Grads 	246 with 31 transfers	176	\$227,066 (Resident) \$2,601/month for 10 years \$255,960 \$2,936/month for 10 years
University of Iowa 8% employed in MN	71% 2016 Grads 	17% 2016 Grads 	100 with 3 transfers	135	\$146,063 (Resident) \$1,660/month for 10 years \$207,949 \$2,379/month for 10 years
University of Wisconsin 6.1% employed in MN	56.7% 2013 Grads 	14.1% 2016 Grads 	184 with 9 transfers	149	\$146,632 (Resident) \$1,667/month for 10 years \$213,472 \$2,443/month for 10 years
Mitchell Hamline School of Law 80.8% employed in MN	56.6% 2016 Grads 	18.5% 2016 Grads 	297 with transfers	338	\$222,621 \$2,549/month for 10 years
University of St. Thomas - Minneapolis 83.5% employed in MN	54.7% 2016 Grads 	21.7% 2016 Grads 	106 with 2 transfers	131	\$211,153 \$2,416/month for 10 years
University of North Dakota 11.7% employed in MN	51.3% 2016 Grads 	28.9% 2016 Grads 	76 with 1 transfers	89	\$100,829 (Resident) \$1,135/month for 10 years \$154,791 \$1,762/month for 10 years