

US News Law School Rankings, 2012 (released March 2011)

Here are means and standard deviations of peer and lawyer/judge assessments for the three groups of schools that I reported on before, along with effect sizes that measure the difference between assessments of each group. Each effect size is simply the difference between the peer and lawyer/judge means of a group of schools divided (“standardized”) by a “pooled” standard deviation estimated from the two standard deviations.

As I surmised earlier, the Tier 2 schools have the largest difference between peer and lawyer/judge assessments among these three groups of schools.

Means and Standard Deviations of Peer Assessments and Lawyer/Judge Assessments in Three Groups of Law Schools

Schools	N	Peer		Lawyer/Judge		Effect size
		Mean	SD	Mean	SD	
All	190	2.48	0.85	2.88	0.78	0.49
Top 53	53	3.59	0.62	3.83	0.49	0.43
Tier 2	45	1.59	0.24	1.98	0.36	1.27