Description: The After the JD Study has collected three waves of data on a large national sample of lawyers who passed the bar in 2000. Working from a social capital perspective, the project finds continuing patterns of gender, race, and class inequality in the careers of American lawyers.

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