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Just in case you were wondering what a U.S. News & World Report law school ranking survey looks like, here is the first page of the most recent one. The rest of the form consists of five pages listing more law schools. That's it. The Green Bag is a bit disappointed. We weren't sure what to expect, but we were certainly hoping for something more elaborate.

America's Best Graduate Schools
Annual Assessment of Law Schools

As part of its spring 2003 report on graduate and professional schools, U.S. News & World Report is conducting a survey of law schools accredited by the American Bar Association. They are listed below by state. This survey is being sent to the law school dean, the chair of academic affairs, the chair of faculty appointments, and the most recently tenured faculty member at each of these schools. Your participation in this survey is greatly appreciated.

Survey Directions:
1. Review the entire list of law schools before rating individual programs.
2. Identify the law schools you are familiar with, and then rate the academic quality of their J.D. program at each of these schools. Consider all factors that contribute to or give evidence of the excellence of the school's J.D. program, for example, curriculum, record of scholarship, quality of faculty and graduates.
3. Rate schools on a scale of outstanding (5) to marginal (1) by marking the corresponding box. If you are not familiar with a school's program, mark the box labeled "Don't know."
4. Return the completed survey in the postage-paid return envelope provided by November 1, 2002. If you have misplaced the envelope, please return the survey to: Angela Foster-Woods, Market Facts, Inc., 3040 West Salt Creek Lane, Arlington Heights, IL 60005-1085.
5. Keep a copy of your completed survey for your own records.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact our U.S. News survey help desk at 1-800-695-7267.

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**ALABAMA**
- 03002 Samford University (Cumberland)
- 03001 University of Alabama

**ARIZONA**
- 03003 Arizona State University
- 03004 University of Arizona

**ARKANSAS**
- 03005 University of Arkansas – Fayetteville
- 03006 University of Arkansas – Little Rock (Bowen)

**CALIFORNIA**
- 03007 California Western School of Law
- 03182 Chapman University
- 03008 Golden Gate University
- 03009 Loyola Law School
- 03011 Pepperdine University
- 03012 Santa Clara University

Reminder: Using black ink, please rate each school with which you are familiar on a scale from marginal (1) to outstanding (5) by placing an "X" in the right box. Mark "Don't know" if you are unfamiliar with a particular school.