

Lawyer

Job Description:

- Advise clients (people and businesses) on legal matters
- Perform legal research and interpret laws and regulations
- Prepare legal documents, for example, wills, contracts, deeds
- Negotiate agreements
- Represent clients in trials and other court proceedings
- Represent clients in transactions, for example, buying a business or real estate
- Supervise legal assistants and paralegals

Types of Lawyers:

- Criminal lawyer
- Trial lawyer
- Corporate/contract lawyer
- Tax lawyer
- International lawyer
- Environmental lawyer
- Family lawyer
- Government lawyer

Education Needed/Other Requirements:

- College bachelor's degree (4 years)
- LSAT (Law School Admissions Test)
- Juris doctorate (law school) degree (3 years)
- Bar exam / state license
- Advanced legal degree (called an LLM), for certain specialty areas such as tax law and international law

Skills/Personality Traits:

- Research and writing
- Organized
- Hard working
- Persuasive
- Ability to "think on your feet"
- Good Communicator
- Time management
- Detail oriented
- Judgment

Helpful Links:

- 9 Skills of a Successful Lawyer, <https://amazelaw.com/9-skills-successful-lawyer/>
- How to Become a Lawyer: Steps to Take from High School, <https://blog.collegevine.com/how-to-become-a-lawyer-steps-to-take-from-high-school/>
- What does a lawyer do?, <https://www.yourfreecareertest.com/lawyer/>