




LAW & JUSTICE

Lawyers apply legal theory and case law to specific legal issues and disputes. The majority of lawyers work in private firms and corporate offices, while others work for federal, local, or state governments. Many lawyers work long hours.

-  individuals
-  businesses
-  government



How do you become a LAWYER?

In order to gain acceptance into a law degree program you must first earn a bachelor's degree. Typical bachelor's degrees include criminal justice, philosophy, English, or economics. Upon completion of a bachelor's degree program, you must then earn a Juris Doctor from a law school and pass the state bar examination.

According to U.S. News & World Report, lawyers ranked number 1 in Best Social Services Jobs.

EDUCATION



Earn credit toward an associate's degree in CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Eastern Oklahoma State College | Wilburton
- Great Plains Technology Center | Lawton
- Rose State College | Midwest City
- Tulsa Community College | Tulsa

SIMILAR OCCUPATIONS

JUDGE & HEARING OFFICER:

Judges and hearing officers apply the law by overseeing the legal process in courts. They also conduct pretrial hearings, resolve administrative disputes, facilitate negotiations between opposing parties, and issue legal decisions. A law degree is typically required for most jobs as a local, state, or federal judge or hearing officer.

VS

PARALEGAL & LEGAL ASSISTANT:

Paralegals and legal assistants perform a variety of tasks to support lawyers, including maintaining and organizing files, conducting legal research, and drafting documents. A common path is for candidates to earn an associate's degree in paralegal studies from a postsecondary institution.

VS

ARBITRATOR, MEDIATOR, & CONCILIATOR:

Arbitrators, mediators, and conciliators facilitate negotiation and dialogue between disputing parties to help resolve conflicts outside of the court system. These occupations require at least a bachelor's degree in a related field.

     - HIGHEST 10 PERCENT EARNED MORE THAN **\$208,000**

               - NATIONAL MEDIAN ANNUAL WAGE FOR LAWYERS - **\$118,160**

     - LOWEST 10 PERCENT EARNED LESS THAN **\$56,910**

In May 2016, the median annual wages for lawyers in the top industries in which they worked were as follows:

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT - **\$139,460**

LEGAL SERVICES - **\$118,660**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, EXCLUDING EDUCATION AND HOSPITALS - **\$91,950**

STATE GOVERNMENT, EXCLUDING EDUCATION AND HOSPITALS - **\$88,020**

Occupational Outlook Handbook, <https://bit.ly/2pAU8BI>

OK College Start, <https://bit.ly/1V8bdbo>

OK Career Guide, <https://bit.ly/1KCaxFy>

Forbes.com, <http://bit.ly/2kB5m5Q>

Oklahoma Critical Occupations list, <http://bit.ly/2C1qfh4>



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