



CAREER PATH

Human Services

CAREER CLUSTER

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

CAREER PATHWAY

Legal Services



ATTORNEY

Represent clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, draw up legal documents, and manage or advise clients on legal transactions. May specialize in a single area or may practice broadly in many areas of law.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as an attorney are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

Occupation	Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is:		
	High School or Less	Some College	Bachelor Degree or More
Lawyers	0.2%	0.7%	99.1%
Lawyers, judges, and related workers	0.2%	0.7%	99.1%
Legal	11.5%	22.5%	66.0%

Most Common Educational Level: First professional degree

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing. Apprenticeships are available for more than 240 occupations. Visit www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm

National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2007		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$34.64	\$51.02	\$70.01+
	Yearly	\$72,100	\$106,100	\$145,600+
Missouri	Hourly	\$30.73	\$43.91	\$70.01+
	Yearly	\$63,900	\$91,300	\$145,600+

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

Attorney	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	760,700	844,200	+ 11 %	22,780
Missouri	11,900	13,600	+ 14 %	320

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Saint Louis University

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 977-2222
www.imagine.slu.edu

University of Missouri - Columbia

Columbia, MO
(573) 882-2121
www.missouri.edu

University of Missouri - Kansas City

Kansas City, MO
(816) 235-1000
www.umkc.edu

Washington University in St. Louis

St. Louis, MO
(314) 935-5000
www.wustl.edu

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Fulton, MO
(573) 642-2251
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