



CAREER PATH

# Human Services

CAREER CLUSTER

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security

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Legal Services



## LAW CLERK

Assist lawyers or judges by researching or preparing legal documents. May meet with clients or assist lawyers and judges in court.

### Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a law clerk 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
Law clerks	22.5%	39.3%	38.1%
Legal support workers	20.6%	40.0%	39.4%
Legal	11.5%	22.5%	66.0%

Most Common Educational Level: Bachelor's 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](http://www.oa.doleta.gov/bat.cfm)

### National and State Wage Information

Location	Pay Period	2006		
		Entry*	Median	Experienced**
United States	Hourly	\$13.73	\$17.48	\$22.35
	Yearly	\$28,600	\$36,400	\$46,500
Missouri	Hourly	\$8.53	\$11.19	\$15.16
	Yearly	\$17,700	\$23,300	\$31,500

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

### National and State Employment Trends

Law Clerk	Employment		Percent Change	Job Openings*
	2006	2016		
United States	36,700	36,200	-1 %	610
Missouri	1,410	1,520	+ 8 %	30

\*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](http://www.dhe.mo.gov)*

#### Saint Louis University

Saint Louis, MO  
(314) 977-2222  
[www.imagine.slu.edu](http://www.imagine.slu.edu)

#### University of Missouri - Columbia

Columbia, MO  
(573) 882-2121  
[www.missouri.edu](http://www.missouri.edu)

#### University of Missouri - Kansas City

Kansas City, MO  
(816) 235-1000  
[www.umkc.edu](http://www.umkc.edu)

#### Washington University

St. Louis, MO  
(314) 935-5000  
[www.wustl.edu](http://www.wustl.edu)



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