

# Different Types of Lawyers

with avg. salaries included



# Criminal Lawyer

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You are probably very familiar with the criminal law practice area because national television and Netflix loves to show the life of a criminal lawyer as if no other legal practice areas exists. **Criminal lawyers are there to defend those charged with a crime or they show up in court to prosecute an individual.** They tend to have extensive knowledge of issues related to bail, pleas, arraignments, arrests, DUIs, etc. Criminal lawyers don't only need to know federal laws but state laws for specific crimes.



**US Avg. Salary:** \$51,220

# Media/Entertainment Lawyer

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Media law is law that regulates media production. Media and entertainment lawyers handle a wide variety of legal issues that **relate to the media industry such as broadcast television, print media, music, sports, internet, film, and advertising**. It is pretty common for media lawyers to negotiate talent and producer agreements along with variety of contracts for their clients. Media lawyers usually work in-house at a media company or at a law firm.

**Avg. Salary:** \$119,300



# Family Lawyer

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Family lawyers are usually hired to help individuals with their **family-related matters** involving annulments, prenuptial agreements, child custody battles, child support claims, alimony, divorce proceedings, custody, and adoption cases. Some even assist their clients with matters related to wills, estate planning, probate and trust administration. **Family lawyers tend to have extensive knowledge of state law pertaining to matters involving their client.**



**Avg. Salary:** \$110,166

# Labor and Employment Lawyer

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Are you interested in helping the "little guy?" Well this practice area might be your cup of tea. Instead of helping big corporations or companies, **labor and employment lawyers tend to represent the employees that work for them.** Labor and employment attorneys represent individuals who have been wrongfully terminated, sexually harassed, and/or faced other types of discrimination. These lawyers can also help employees navigate severance packages or wage and hourly disputes.

**Avg. Salary:** \$114,496



# Real Estate Lawyer

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Real estate law can be pretty complex. Real estate lawyer are heavily involved with matters related to home-buying such as assisting real estate agents, buyers, and sellers navigate the crazy real estate market. **Real estate lawyers can also assist their clients with reviewing and preparing documents, foreclosures and evictions, and ensuring a clear title.** They can also advise the "big guys" (aka construction companies) about zoning laws and so much more.



**Avg. Salary:** \$118,000

# Personal Injury

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If you aren't too squeamish about looking at various injuries of your clients, then this might be a cool job for you. **Personal injury attorneys defend and advocate for their clients who have been physically, emotionally or psychologically injured** due to negligence or malice from another individual or company. Personal injury lawyers tend to collect a good amount of evidence, calculate expenses and even talk to witness on behalf of their client.

**Avg. Salary:** \$114,062



# Immigration Lawyer

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Immigration lawyers have extensive knowledge of immigration law and trial processes. **They tend to help clients who need assistance obtaining green cards, visas, as citizenship documentation.** They can even assist clients who are having issues with refugee status, seeking asylum from another country, or those clients who want to open international businesses in the US.

**Avg. Salary:** \$79,000





# Corporate Lawyer

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**A corporate lawyer specializes in the law relating to businesses.** I don't know if you know this, but having a business is a LOT of work. Some corporate lawyers help their clients with matters related to general corporate governance issues, corporate compliance issues, and formation of a corporation. Other corporate lawyers advise companies and executives on big business decisions and even edit and create corporate contracts to ensure their client aren't breaking any laws.



**Avg. Salary:** \$174,000

# Fashion Lawyer

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Fashion law is **an emerging legal practice area** that involves legal issues that impact the textile, footwear, jewelry, apparel, and cosmetic industries. **The duties of fashion lawyers are pretty broad.** Often, fashion lawyers draft and negotiate contracts for their clients as well as litigate trademark, copyright and other intellectual property issues. Fashion law clients tend to include **designers, retailers, photographers, modeling agencies, fashion houses, and distributors.**

**Avg. Salary:** \$88,602



# Animal Lawyer

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Are you an animal lover that **cares about the welfare of domestic or wild species?** Are you also someone who is a lover of the law? Then, try being an animal lawyer because it combines both passions. Animal lawyers handle legal cases and disputes that may involve **veterinary malpractice, pet custody, animal cruelty, wrongful deaths, animal bites, and other animal-related concerns.** Animal lawyers can represent various clients such as pet owners, animal rights organizations, veterinarians, etc.



**Avg. Salary:** \$120,910

# Estate Planning Lawyer

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Unfortunately, **life in this world is very limited.** Everyone dies at some point. Therefore, it's important to have a plan for your estate when you die. Estate planning lawyers are there to help you through this difficult process. Estate planning lawyers handle **wills, trusts, property rights, and assets after an individual dies.** Estate planners advise their clients on how to properly evaluate and disperse their assets. They can also help setup trusts in order to protect their clients from potential lawsuits or creditors.

**Avg. Salary:** \$95,540



# Contract Lawyer

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At some point in life, everyone will have to deal with a matter that involves a contract. **A contract lawyer specializes in issues that arise from a contract.** Specifically, contract lawyers can advise their clients on **whether they can sign a particular contract, inform them on the remedies available if a party breaches a contract, and how to resolve other contractual issues.** Contract lawyers also can help draft and/or interpret contracts for their clients.



**Avg. Salary:** \$123,744

# Social Security Disability Lawyer

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**The Social Security Disability system is a pretty complex system to navigate.** An attorney who specializes in Social Security Disability advises their clients on how to navigate compensation, deal with the SSA application process, file appeals and/or appeal cases if case benefits are denied.



**US Avg. Salary:** \$118,210

# Mergers and Acquisitions Lawyer

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Merger and acquisitions lawyers are experts **that work exclusively as counsel during acquisitions.** Merger and acquisition lawyers have become experts in knowing securities, tax, and finance. Their developed expertise is vital to have for when their client is purchasing and selling large companies. Often, these types of lawyer advise their clients on **how to navigate contracts that may contain non-compete, employee and confidentiality clauses.** M&A lawyers also can advise on legal issues that surround a merger like **creating a plan and ensuring the completion of the merger.**



**Avg. Salary: \$117,450**

# Constitutional Lawyer

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**Are you fascinated with the United States Constitution?** If so, you have every right to be intrigued since the US Constitution lays out the foundation of the United States. A constitutional lawyer best assists their clients in understanding the rights available as a US citizen. Constitutional lawyers can skillfully lay out the basic rights and responsibilities of citizens and governmental officials. **Constitutional lawyers also have no problem with challenging laws that directly conflict the Constituion.**

**Avg. Salary:** \$92,706





# Government Lawyer

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If you are interested in working for a branch of the US government - whether it be local, county, state or federal - **consider being a government lawyer.** Government lawyers handle issues that focus on the legal aspects of whichever governing agency they work for. **Some duties of government attorneys include representing the government in court,** enforcing local and city ordinances, preparing legal opinions for matters pending before the court, prosecuting criminal activities, and much more.



**Avg. Salary:** \$126,300

# Environmental Lawyer

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Do you find yourself typically **advocating for the environment**? If so, environmental law might be the perfect practice area for you. Environment laws tend to be quite large and complex. Environmental lawyers assist their clients with legal issues pertaining to **clean technology, water law, climate change, biodiversity, environmental regulations, species preservation, waste management**, and so much more. Some environmental lawyers even work with federal agencies to defend agency actions under environmental regulations.

**Avg. Salary:** \$79,278



# Medical Malpractice Lawyer

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Medical malpractice is a particular aspect of personal injury law. Medical malpractice lawyers represent clients who have been **injured by their doctor, health care provider or hospital due to professional misconduct**. For example, medical malpractice can occur when there are **surgical errors, delays in treatment, wrongful deaths, medical misdiagnoses, failure to receive consent, traumas from birth, etc.** Medical malpractice lawyers make sure their client receives the necessary compensation.



**Avg. Salary: \$131,000**

# Tribal Lawyer

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Tribal law is super interesting. **Tribal lawyers specialize in law that concerns matters relating to governance within Native American and Indian tribes.** Tribal courts are separate and very distinct from local, state, and federal governmental laws. Tribal law includes laws, codes, ordinances, resolutions and court decisions specifically enacted by Native American tribal governments. Tribal lawyers can represent entire Native American and Indian tribes or individuals who are within a tribe's legal system.

**Avg. Salary:** \$84,566



# Civil Rights Lawyer

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Are you passionate about making sure **individuals receive equal treatment**? If so, consider going into civil rights law. Civil rights lawyers handle a wide variety of legal issues pertaining to education, employment, housing, voting, and other constitutional rights that may have been violated. **Sometimes civil rights cases can be very high-profile and bring tons of publicity.** So, if you want to maintain a low profile, this might not be for you.



**US Avg. Salary:** \$87,826-\$130,210

# Tax Lawyer

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**It doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize that tax law is pretty complicated.** If you are like most, everyone hates when tax season comes around because everyone has to pay taxes. Thus, tax lawyers are most important since breaking tax laws can bring serious consequences. **Tax lawyers help defend their clients who are being sued by the IRS for tax fraud, evasion, or failure to file taxes.** Plus, tax lawyers have great job security.



**Avg. Salary:** \$101,000

# Bankruptcy Lawyer

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You may or may not be surprised by this, but some people and businesses struggle with finances. Some people desperately **need a bankruptcy lawyer to help them when they have gone into some serious debt.** Bankruptcy lawyers help their clients file for bankruptcy, help rebuild their credit rating after bankruptcy or represent them in court if a claim needs to be disputed.

**Avg. Salary:** \$113,000



# Military Lawyer

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Military law is so unique because military attorneys **represent clients under the jurisdiction of military courts.** Further, military lawyers only represent clients of military personnel, both in civil and criminal cases. **Military lawyers tend to handle a wide variety of legal issues such as international law, operations law, environmental law,** issues pertaining to military and civilian personnel issues. etc.

**Avg. Salary:** \$82,691





# Intellectual Property Lawyer

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**Intellectual property lawyers are lawyers who assist clients with copyrights, trade secrets, trademarks, patents and licensing for their original creations and inventions.** IP Lawyers can also help clients file patent applications, obtain and maintain licenses as well as handle any issues pertaining to infringement if legal issues arise. IP lawyers can also **help their clients avoid infringing on the work of other individuals who may have an intellectual property in a creation.**



**Avg. Salary:** \$162,000