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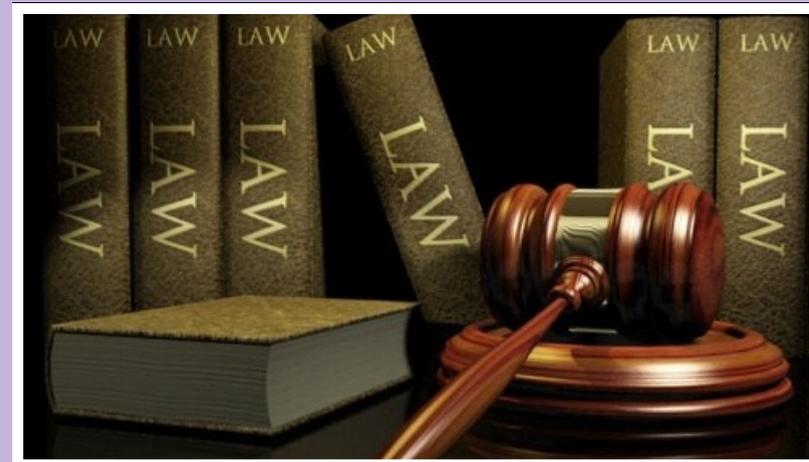


BECOMING A LAWYER



To become a lawyer you first have to graduate high school. After that you can major in anything you want. You should major in something you like so you can get good grades.

After that you get to apply for law school and hopefully you get in. You have to take a law school admissions test too and the results will affect if you get in. Law school is a three year program and while you're in it you have to take some time and work at a law firm, normally for a summer program.



Law school involves a lot of reading and studying of cases. You rarely even go into a courthouse until your second year. Law school is challenging but it is worth the outcome.

A Day in the Life of a Lawyer

They will normally start their day off going through emails and sorting through their cases. Most lawyers have assistants and they will give them some cases to read to help them find a good way to argue for it.



They then spend time researching their cases and studying every detail. They also write lots of documents, responses, letters and plenty of emails.

Depending on the day they will either have meetings with clients or they will rarely have a court appearance. Court cases normally involve a lot of waiting and are not nearly as exciting as they look on TV. They are normally very civil.



Working Conditions

The average salary starts at about \$65,000 and it takes about five years for it to get to \$100,00



Most of the work is done in the office but they do often have lots of overtime work. They sometimes deal with difficult cases that are hard to handle emotionally so they have to be strong people. They also get the joy of helping people everyday



They spend most of their day sitting in an office behind a desk. You do lots of collaboration with other people in your office and have to be very good with people

