

# Law

Thinking of working within Law? The two main jobs you would think of are:

- Solicitor
- Barrister

but do you know what they actually do?

To simply explain it, **barristers** tend to represent clients in court, whereas **solicitors** generally perform the majority of the legal work in a law firm and put the case together for the barrister to present in court.

When training to become a barrister or solicitor you also need to decide on which area of law you want to specialise in. This can include:

- Corporate / Commercial
- Crime
- Employment
- Family
- Human Rights
- Intellectual Property
- Private Client
- Public Law

Law has various different areas of employment opportunity and these are:

- Law Firm
- Chambers
- Courts
- Crown Office
- Enforcement
- Advice
- Finance

This therefore creates a variety of other roles than just a Barrister or Solicitor and some of these are:

- Advocate
- Judge
- Crown Prosecutor
- Welfare Rights Worker
- Barristers Clerk
- Legal Cashier
- Bailiff
- Patent Attorney

Within the Legal Sector the Law Society estimate that there are currently around 286,000 people employed in this sector. Law makes a vital contribution to the UK economy of in excess of £25.7 billion!

You can now become a solicitor either by going to study at university and completing a degree or many law firms now recruit employees on a Higher Degree Apprenticeship basis and you work, study and earn to gain your qualifications.

### **Links to find out more about working within Law:**

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| BBC Bitesize - Understanding the different careers in Law | <a href="#"><u>Careers in law - BBC Bitesize</u></a>                |
| Find out if a career in law is for you                    | <a href="#"><u>The Beginner's Guide to a Career in Law 2023</u></a> |
| A career in law explained                                 | <a href="#"><u>Law careers • A career in law explained</u></a>      |

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| Beginners guide to the apprenticeship route to a career in Law 2023 | <a href="#">The Law Apprenticeships Guide   LawCareers.Net</a>                                                                                 |
| How to become a Lawyer                                              | <a href="#">How to become a lawyer</a>                                                                                                         |
| A trainee Barrister                                                 | <a href="#">How to become a future barrister: Daniel's story - BBC Bitesize</a>                                                                |
| What it is like being a Barrister                                   | <a href="#">How to become a barrister: Christian's story - BBC Bitesize</a>                                                                    |
| Apprenticeships in the Law Sector                                   | <a href="#">Law apprenticeships</a>                                                                                                            |
| Beginners guide to a career in law                                  | <a href="#">The Beginner's Guide to a Career in Law</a>                                                                                        |
| UCAS- explore Law                                                   | <a href="#">Law Subject Guide   Why Study Law At Uni?</a>                                                                                      |
| Explore being a crown prosecutor                                    | <a href="#">Crown prosecutor   Explore careers</a><br><a href="#">How to become a prosecutor (with skills and duties info)   Indeed.com UK</a> |
| What type of lawyer do you want to be?                              | <a href="#">What kind of lawyer do you want to be?</a>                                                                                         |
| Areas of legal practice                                             | <a href="#">Areas of Legal Practice - Different Types of Law</a>                                                                               |
| Law apprenticeships                                                 | <a href="#">Legal sector apprenticeships</a>                                                                                                   |

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| Can you be a Magistrate?         | <a href="#">Become a magistrate: Who can be a magistrate</a>                                                                                                                                  |
| Crown Prosecution careers        | <a href="#">Careers at the CPS</a>                                                                                                                                                            |
| What does a Barristers Clerk do? | <a href="#">Barristers' clerk job profile</a>                                                                                                                                                 |
| What does a Bailiff do?          | <a href="#">Bailiff   Explore careers</a>                                                                                                                                                     |
| What is a Patent Attorney?       | <a href="#">Patent attorney job profile</a>                                                                                                                                                   |
| Careers at Linklaters            | <a href="#">Linklaters Careers   Home</a>                                                                                                                                                     |
| Careers at Allen & Overy         | <a href="#">Allen &amp; Overy UK graduate and student careers: Home</a><br><br><a href="#">Allen &amp; Overy Solicitor Apprenticeships</a><br><br><a href="#">Allen &amp; Overy Open Days</a> |
| How to become a Sports Lawyer    | <a href="#">Sports lawyer Jason Saiban</a>                                                                                                                                                    |

**Clips you may want to watch to help you learn more:**

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| Meet Fiona a Solicitor and Law Firm Director             | <a href="#"><u>Meet Fiona Martin, a Solicitor and Law Firm Director</u></a>                                                                                        |
| Listen to Joana's story on being a Climate Change Lawyer | <a href="#"><u>Climate change lawyer - BBC Bitesize</u></a>                                                                                                        |
| Workplace Wednesday - Solicitor                          | <a href="https://youtu.be/fNEMTzyJ2gM"><u>https://youtu.be/fNEMTzyJ2gM</u></a>                                                                                     |
| Job of the Week - Barrister                              | <a href="#"><u>JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #027 - BARRISTER</u></a>                                                                                                  |
| Job of the Week - Judge                                  | <a href="#"><u>JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #81 - JUDGE</u></a>                                                                                                       |
| Listen to Emily as she talks about becoming a Solicitor  | <a href="#"><u>Becoming a solicitor - Emily Boothman</u></a>                                                                                                       |
| Paralegal                                                | <a href="#"><u>JOB OF THE WEEK EPISODE #063 - PARALEGAL</u></a>                                                                                                    |
| Criminal Lawyer - listen to their stories                | <a href="#"><u>Kelly's story: what it's like being a criminal duty solicitor</u></a><br><br><a href="#"><u>Do you like being a Criminal Defence Solicitor?</u></a> |
| Patent Attorney                                          | <a href="#"><u>Patent attorney</u></a>                                                                                                                             |

What does a Solicitor and a Barrister actually do?

[Solicitor or Barrister: Which One Should You Choose? \(Salary, Hours, Employers, Work Experience\)](#)