



DO YOU WANT TO

BECOME A LAWYER?

In the United States, a lawyer has a dual role as advisor and as advocate.

WHAT WE DO

ASSURING "EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW" TO THE MORE THAN 328 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES IS THE WORK OF THE COUNTRY'S LAWYERS AND JUDGES.



2 Two law schools in Mississippi hold ABA accreditation.

Mississippi College School of Law
Jackson, MS

University of Mississippi School of Law
Oxford, MS

SHOULD YOU BE A LAWYER?

IN CONSIDERING A CAREER IN LAW, FIRST EVALUATE YOUR OWN INTERESTS, GOALS, AND QUALIFICATIONS.

.2%

OF THE POPULATION ARE ACTIVE ATTORNEYS IN MISSISSIPPI

HOW DO YOU BECOME ONE?

● RECEIVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Your major does not have to be in any particular area, although majors taken from political science, humanities, history, government, and economics are popular choices for pre-law students.

● GO TO LAW SCHOOL

Once you have completed your undergraduate education and taken the LSAT, you are ready to apply to law school.

● PASS THE MISSISSIPPI BAR EXAM

Once you complete your law degree, you are eligible to apply for admission to the Bar and to take the Mississippi bar exam.

WHAT ABOUT JOBS?

Lawyers can choose from a wide variety of jobs. Some have courtroom practices where they litigate civil or criminal cases. Governmental agencies have attorneys that work for them representing their specific interests. Many business, such as banks, utilities, and construction companies, have their own legal departments. Some lawyers combine careers, such as a law practice and politics.

You can have a career in the courtroom or an office. Regardless, attorneys must be able to think critically and quickly on their feet in analyzing situations and also speak with ease and authority whether in a courtroom, a boardroom, or other public setting. As an attorney, you are both advisor and advocate for your client to pursue their legal goals under the law.

49%

of lawyers in the U.S. are in the traditional private practice of law.

EXAMPLES OF TYPES OF LAW

Criminal
Real Estate
Labor & Employment
Environmental
Wills and Estates
Family
Business
Tax

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