Paralegal Careers

Paralegals are trained to assist attorneys in all aspects of legal practice. They perform research, coordinate paperwork, review facts, draft legal documents, investigate cases, interview and prepare clients for court, file court papers and assist at hearings, mediations and court proceedings.

Paralegals find work in law firms, companies, government, and community service organizations. The employment outlook of paralegals and legal assistants is expected to grow by 18% from 2010 to 2020, about as fast as the average for all occupations. (BLS)

Areas of Practice include:

- Administrative Law
- Bankruptcy
- Business Organizations
- Civil Litigation
- Contracts
- Criminal Law
- Estates and Probate
- Family Law
- Patent Law
- Real Estate

![Paralegals and Legal Assistants Median annual wages, May 2010](image)

Note: All Occupations includes all occupations in the U.S. Economy.


Paralegal Career Websites
American Alliance of Paralegals: http://www.aapipara.org/
American Bar Association: http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html
Careers www.ParalegalDegree.org/Careers
FindLaw Career Center: http://careers.findlaw.com
International Paralegal Management Association: http://www.paralegalmanagement.org/
Law Jobs: http://lawjobs.careercast.com
Legal Career Center Network: www.thelccn.com
NALS – The Association for Legal Professionals: http://www.nals.org/
National Association of Legal Assistants: http://www.nala.org/Aboutnala.aspx
National Federation of Paralegal Associations: http://www.paralegals.org/default.asp?page=76
New Jersey Judiciary Website: www.judiciary.state.nj.us
NY Job Source: http://nyjobsource.com
Paralegal Job Site: www.paralegaljobsite.com
Paralegal Jobs Weekly: www.paralegaljobs.com
Scholarship Information www.ParalegalDegree.org/Scholarships
Standing Committee on Paralegals, American Bar Association: http://www.americanbar.org/groups/paralegals.html
State of New Jersey Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development: http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/
U.S. Department of Labor’s O*NET website: http://www.onetonline.org