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Directories
- Martindale Hubbell Law Directory
  http://scholar.csuohio.edu/record=b1375803
  One of the standard sources for law firm research. kF190 M37 or on Lexis Advance the source "Martindale-Hubbell(R) Law Directory - International Practice Profiles"; Also see: Martindale.com.
- Legal500
  http://www.legal500.com/
  International Arbitration & International Trade
  Other topics of interest include IP, M&A, and law firms worldwide.
- Butterworths Law Directory
  Covers the U.K. Lexis [Legal > Reference > Directories > Butterworths Law Directory]
  Westlaw Legal Directory - International
  Search West Legal Directory - International

Other Career Guides
You can find more tips and suggestions in these international law career guides from law schools around the country.

- Careers in International Law
  http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/intlawcar.html
  From the University of Washington School of Law.
- International Law Careers
  http://www.law.pitt.edu/academics/cile/careers
  From Pitt Law.
- International Careers
  http://law.case.edu/centers/cox/content.asp?content_id=61
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Websites and Books

- American Society of International Law's Career Development page
  http://www.asil.org/career-development.cfm
  Learn about fellowships, internships, grants, and pro-bono opportunities in international law through ASIL.

- Careers in International Arbitration (ASIL)
  http://www.asil.org/careers-international-arbitration
  This is a video of a career panel on international arbitration hosted by the Howard M. Holtzmann Center for International Arbitration and Conciliation. Panelists at this event share their perspectives as experienced professionals in private practice, government, and international organizations. The moderator poses questions to highlight professional development advice.

- Careers in International Law
  http://scholar.csuohio.edu/record=b2658828~S0
  edited by Salli Anne Swartz
  KZ1238.U55 C37 2012

- ASIL Careers in International Law
  https://scholar.csuohio.edu/record=b2635779~S0
  KZ1238.U55 C473

- Careers in International Affairs
  http://scholar.csuohio.edu/record=b1781058%7ES0
  Edited by Maria Pinto Carland and Lisa A. Gihng
  JZ1238.U6 C37 2003
  Also available electronically

Job Postings

These are just a few of the many job search sites online that include postings for jobs in international law.

- International Law Jobs - LawJobs.com
  http://lawjobs.careercast.com/careers/jobsearch/results?categories=lawjobssearchcategoryattorney&kAndEntire=International%20Law

- International Law Jobs – Monster.com
  http://jobsearch.monster.com/jobs?q=international-law&rad=20&id=1&cy=us&brd=1

- FindLaw Careers
  http://careers.findlaw.com/
  Select international law practice area.

- Vault
  http://www.vault.com/index.jsp
  Select international practice area or specialty.
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Thoughts & Advice
Get expert advice, helpful tips, and inspiration from practitioners in the field:

- So You Want to Be An Expat Lawyer
  http://apps.americanbar.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IC916000
  (Sept. 27, 2011) archived podcast and archived program materials, from the Section of International Law: U.S. Lawyers Practicing Abroad Committee
- Working Internationally
  by Mark E. Wojcik (Aug. 5, 2008) posted to SSRN
- Career Advice for International Lawyers
  http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/international_law/2008/10/career-advice-f.html
  (Oct. 17, 2008) post to International Law Prof Blog
- Lawyers Wanted: Abroad, That Is
  (Nov. 21, 2008) article in The New York Times
- Should You Pursue an International Law Career?
  http://transnationallawblog.typepad.com/transnational_law_blog/2008/10/should_you_purs.html
  (Oct. 9, 2008) post to Transnational Law Blog
- The Globalization of Justice: My Experience as a Volunteer Public Defender in China
  http://lawschool.westlaw.com/shared/westlawRedirect.asp?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.westlaw.com%2Ffind%2Fdefault%3Fset%3D33%26Champion%2694%26FndType%3DF%26Action%26Positive%3F
  by Leslie J. Rosenberg
  33 Champion 44 (November 2009)
- A Vast Difference: My Eye-Opening Month as a Visiting Lawyer in Lyon, France
  By Barbara Zulick
  34 Pennsylvania Lawyer 36 (March/April 2012)
- Global Pro Bono: Lawyers Lend Services in Africa, South America
  By Tim Eigo
  48 AZ Attorney 18 (October 2011)
- Landing a Job at the United Nations
  http://www.psid.org/Landing_a_Job_at_the_United_Nations
  A webinar presented by Akua Akea, Director of Public Interest Advising at Yale Law School, and Sara Rakita, Associate Director of NYU Law School’s Public Interest Law Center.
- Yale Law School Guide to International Public Interest Careers
  http://www.psid.org/Yale_Law_School_Guide_to_International_Public_Interest_Careers
  Provides background-level and detailed information for those pursuing public interest careers.

Networking Opportunities
Don't underestimate the importance of networking when exploring job opportunities in international law. Here are several suggestions for meeting local, national, and international contacts who may help you advance your career options:

The International Law Students Association (ILSA) sponsors the annual Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. Jessup Moot Court brings together participants from over 500 law schools in more than 80 countries. Cleveland-Marshall regularly sends teams to Jessup Moot Court.

Meet Cleveland local attorneys involved in both private and public international law in the International Law Section of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. The Section holds bi-monthly roundtable discussions, annual CLEs, and also publishes the Global Action newsletter. Law students can become members for free. C-M law students can contact Prof. Sundahl at mark.sundahl@law.csuohio.edu for more information.

For national and international networking, a student membership in ASIL. The American Society of International Law would be ideal. ASIL’s annual meeting held each spring in Washington, D.C. is an excellent opportunity to network with some of the most prominent attorneys and judges working in the field. Law students regularly attend this important conference and other ASIL events.

The ABA’s Section of International Law offers another opportunity for networking. The Section’s Student Headquarters features podcasts on international law careers, a writing competition, and the Pathways to Employment in International Law forum.