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Law Career Resources: Home

This selective guide lists some of the books and materials in the library's collection dealing with law career information.

Introduction

This selective guide lists some of the books and materials in the library's collection dealing with law career information. For more, look in Room A066 on the Atrium Level at call number KF297-KF300.

For tips on how to research employers, as well as finding salary information, see the library's Researching Employers Guide.

Contact the Office of Career Planning for more information, including a list of bar associations and links to legal career web sites with job listings.

Please contact the Law Library's Research Services librarians during their Research Services hours, or via email to research.services@law.csuohio.edu for additional help.

General Legal Career Information

- A Lawyer's Guide to Networking
  KF316.5 .S64 2016

- The Inequality Equalizer: Want It, Claim It, Own It -- And Maximize Your Career Success
  HF5381 .A445 2016

- The Bridge: How to Launch Your Career Through a Legal Internship
  KF282.7 .R67 2015

- Advice for the Lawlorn: Career Do's and Don'ts from One of the Most Successful Legal Recruiters in the Industry
  KF299 .I5 I835 2014
Job Search Process

Writing Resumes and Cover Letters

Resumes for Law Careers
KF297.Z9
R47 2008

The Guide to Basic Cover Letter Writing
HF5383 .P735 2004

The Guide to Basic Resume Writing
HF5383 .G727 2004

Also available electronically

The Resume.com Guide to Writing Unbeatable Resumes
HF5383 .C87 2004
There are several resources available for job search strategies in the legal field:

- **A Lawyer's Guide to Networking**  
  By Susan R. Sneider  
  KF316.5 .S64 2016

- **The Bridge: How to Launch Your Career Through a Legal Internship**  
  By Maxwell D. Rosenthal  
  KF282.7 .R67 2015

- **From Lemons to Lemonade in the New Legal Job Market: Winning Job Search Strategies for Entry-level Attorneys**  
  By Richard L. Hermann  
  KF297 .H437 2012

- **Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams**  
  By Kimm Alayne Walton  
  KF297 .W34 2008

  Edited by Irene Hahn  
  KF297 .B84 2009
## Interviewing

- **In-House: A Lawyer's Guide to Getting a Corporate Legal Position**  
  By David J. Parnell  
  KF 299. I5 P37 2012

- **Interviewing: 37 Ways to Have Unstoppable Confidence in Your Interview**  
  By Jack Gray  
  HF5549.5.I6 G73 2015

- **Interview for Success: A Practical Guide to Increasing Job Interviews, Offers, and Salaries**  
  By Caryl Rae Krannich & Ronald L. Krannich  
  HF5549.5.I6 K72 2003

- **The Legal Job Interview: Winning the Law-Related Job in Today's Market**  
  By Cliff Ennico  
  KF297 .E56 2008

## Making Partner or Going Solo
Starting Your Own Law Practice

- **The 2016 Solo and Small Firm Legal Technology Guide**
  By Sharon D. Nelson
  KF320 .A9 N45 2016

- **Flying Solo**
  By K. William Gibson
  KF300 .Z9 F53 2014

- **Run Your Firm Like a Business**
  By Frank T. Lockwood
  KF318 .L63 2013

- **Solo by Choice, The Companion Guide: 34 Questions That Could Transform Your Legal Career**
  By Carolyn Elefant
  KF300 .E423 2011

- **The Road to Independence: 101 Women's Journeys to Starting Their Own Law Firms**
  Edited by Karen M. Lockwood
  KF299 .W6 R532 2011

Success in a Law Career / Making Partner

- **Accelerating Lawyer Success: How To Make Partner, Stay Healthy, and Flourish in a Law Firm**
  By Juliet Aiken
  KF297 .B48 2015

- **Making Partner: The Essential Guide to Negotiating the Law School Path and Beyond**
  By Adam Gropper
  KF297 .G77 2013

- **Building Your Ladder: An Associate's Guide to Success Beyond Partnership**
  By Marian Lee
  KF300 .L44 2013

- **The Busy Lawyer's Guide to Success: Essential Tips to Power Your Practice**
  By Reid F. Trautz & Dan Pinnington
  KF315 .T72 2009

- **The Partner Track: How to go from Associate to Partner in any Law Firm**
  By Cliff Ennico
  KF300 .E56 2009

Alternative Careers & Work/Life Balance

**Alternative Legal Careers**

- **FBI Careers: The Ultimate Guide to**
  By Jeena Cho and Karen Gifford
  KF298 .C47 2016

**Work/Life Balance**

- **The Anxious Lawyer**
  By Jeena Cho and Karen Gifford
  KF298 .C47 2016
Landing a Job as One of America's Finest
HV8144.F43 A25 2006
The 2010 edition is available electronically

Fifty Unique Legal Paths
By Ursula Furi-Perry
KF297 .F87 2008

Nonlegal Careers for Lawyers
By Gary A. Munneke, William D. Henslee & Ellen S. Wayne
KF297 .M862 2006

Turning Points: New Paths & Second Careers for Lawyers
By George H. Cain
KF297 .C24 2009

What Can You Do with a Law Degree?: A Lawyer's Guide to Career Alternatives Inside, Outside & Around the Law
By Deborah Arron
KF297 .Z9 A722 2004

Women-At-Law
By Phyllis Horn Epstein
KF299 .W6 E654 2015

Coaching for Attorneys: Improving Productivity and Achieving Balance
By Cami McLaren & Stephanie Finelli
KF298 .M35 2014

Best Friends at the Bar: The New Balance for Today's Woman Lawyer
By Susan Smith Blakely
KF299 .W6 B588 2012

Legally Mom: Real Women's Stories of Balancing Motherhood & Law Practice
By Anne Murphy Brown
KF299 .W6 B76 2012

The Happy Lawyer: Making a Good Life in the Law
By Nancy Levit & Douglas O. Linder
KF300. L485 2010
Career Specialties

Law Career Specialties

Below is a list of resources that may help direct you to a specific career field within the legal profession.

The American Bar Association publishes many books on careers in specific areas. Do a keyword search of the library catalog, Scholar, for example: careers law criminal or careers law entertainment.

Information regarding legal specialties in Intellectual Property Law or International Law can be found on the tabs following this one.

**Entertainment Careers for Lawyers** by William D. Henslee
By William D. Henslee
KF299 .E57 H46 2014

**In-House: A Lawyer's Guide to Getting a Corporate Legal Position**
By David J. Parnell
KF299 .I5 P37 2012

**How to Build and Manage a Personal Injury Practice**
By K. William Gibson

**Careers in International Law**
Edited by Salli Swartz
KZ1238 .U55 C37 2012

**How to be a Law Professor Guide**
By Ronald W. Eades
KF272 .E23 2008

Intellectual Property Careers

Patent Title Cover Letter

Job Postings Online

- IP Law 360
- Intellectual Property Law Server
- U.S. Copyright Office
  Jobs listed on the Library of Congress website
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- World Intellectual Property Association Job Openings
- Vault.com
  Law Job Board-search jobs at top of page.
- Findlaw Careers
- Lawjobs.com
  Look for keywords such as patent, intellectual property, trademark or copyright

Researching Law Firms

Create a list of firms with intellectual property practices in Ohio by going to Martindale.com, go to the section "Browse for Law Firms" and select "Intellectual Property" as a practice area. Then, select "Ohio", and then "View All Intellectual Property Law Firms in Ohio".

- Martindale Hubbell Law Directory
  One of the standard sources for law firm research.
  Also available in print at KF190.M37
- West Legal Directory - Intellectual Property
  Profiles of law firms and attorneys who practice intellectual property law in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Canada
- Attorneys Registered to Practice before the U.S. Patent and
### Patent Bar Examination

- **General Requirements Bulletin**

- **About the U.S. Patent Bar Examination**
  by Eugene R. Quinn Jr.

- **Patent Bar Study**
  Click on "Patent Law Career"

- **PatBar.com**
  Click on "Exam Info". This site is run by a commercial provider of bar preparation courses.

### Websites, Articles & Books

**Career in IP Law: Avenues and Opportunities**
ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law
KF3165.Z9 C375 2013

**American Intellectual Property Law Association**
Student Center section of the web site has mentoring opportunities, scholarships and job fair information.

**Is a Career in Intellectual Property Law for You?**
By Findlaw

**Patent Bar Study**
Click on "Patent Law Career"

**Trademark Office**
Includes online search and list by geographic region

**Legal500.com**
Lists recommended law firms in various areas of intellectual property law

**International IP Directory**
Other International Career Guides

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

- Flags of the UN
  Photo by Cedric Favero

- Careers in International Law
  From the University of Washington School of Law.

Directories

- Martindale Hubbell Law Directory
  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.

- West Legal Directory - International
  Contains profiles of law firms, branch offices, and biographical records of attorneys that practice international law or are located outside the U.S. Westlaw [WLD-INT database]

- Legal500
  International Arbitration & International Trade
  Other topics of interest include IP, M&A, and law firms worldwide.

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Websites, Books & Job Postings
Websites and Books

- American Society of International Law's Career Development page
  Learn about fellowships, internships, grants, and pro-bono opportunities in international law through ASIL.

- Careers in International Arbitration (ASIL)
  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
  KZ1238.U55 C37 2012

- ASIL Careers in International Law
  KZ1238.U55 C473

- Careers in International Affairs
  JZ1238.U6 C37 2003
  Also available electronically

Networking & Advice

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
- International Law Jobs -- Monster.com
- FindLaw Careers
  Select international law practice area.
- Vault
  Select international practice area or specialty.
Thoughts & Advice

Get expert advice, helpful tips, and inspiration from practitioners in the field:

- So You Want to Be An Expat Lawyer
  (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
  (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?
  (Oct. 9, 2006) post to Transnational Law Blog

- The Globalization of Justice: My Experience as a Volunteer Public Defender in China
  by Leslie J. Rosenberg
  33 Champion 44 (November 2009)

- 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
  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.