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Prosecutors in the famous Lizzie Borden murder trial introduced evidence that included powerful details. For example, Borden burned the dress she wore the day she allegedly killed her mother and father, and prosecutors argued that she did so because it was stained with blood. But the defense team—using for the most part the prosecution’s own witnesses—shot down every attempt to pin the dastardly deed on Borden. In the end, she walked free.

Do you enjoy arguing and standing up for what you believe? If so, a career as a **lawyer** may be for you.

Lawyers work in law firms or are self employed. Transactional lawyers work to avoid legal problems, for example, by writing contracts. Litigators, or trial lawyers, deal with problems, such as broken contracts, once they’ve occurred.

Are You Ready To...?

- Keep up with changes in the law
- Defend clients in court
- Research details having to do with particular cases, clients and contracts
- Write clearly about complex issues
- Use computers and other technology, such as video conferencing

It Helps To Be...

Able to inspire confidence and respect in others. You’ll need good communication, reasoning and analytical skills and a willingness to put in long hours.

A Day In The Life...

- Represent clients in court or before government agencies
- Present evidence to defend clients or prosecute defendants in criminal or civil litigation
- Select jurors, argue motions, meet with judges and question witnesses during the course of a trial
- Interpret laws, rulings and regulations for individuals and businesses

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$48.92

*That comes out to more than
\$101,763 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
6,341 Lawyers.
By 2026, we’ll need 6,998.**

Could you be one of the 657?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, lawyers require a **bachelor's degree** and three years of **law school**.



Top 5 Industries for Lawyers

1. Legal Services
2. Local Government
3. State Government
4. Federal Government
5. Management of Companies and Enterprises

Related College Majors

- Anthropology
- Economics
- English
- History
- Philosophy

Related Industry Certifications

- Accredited Estate Planner
- Board Certification—Consumer Bankruptcy
- Board Certification in Criminal Trial Advocacy
- Criminal Law Specialty Certification
- Family Law Specialty Certification

Related Careers

- Government Executives and Legislators
- Government Lawyers
- In-House Lawyers
- Judges
- Paralegals
- Top Executives

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