

Alternative Legal Careers

Not sure that a law firm position is really for you? Law degrees open doors to many different careers. In fact, many attorneys are choosing to leave law firms and pursue alternative careers. This guide contains a variety of resources that can help you explore and identify alternative legal career opportunities.

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General Resources

Abrams, the Official Guide to Legal Specialties: an Insider's Guide to Every Major Practice Area

Law Library KF 297 .A752 2000

Uses a question and answer format to arrange information and testimonials from attorneys specializing in 30 different practice areas.

“Alternative Legal Careers: A Growing Trend” from AlternativeLawyers.com

http://www.alternativelawyerjobs.com/?page_id=328

Arron, What CAN You Do with a Law Degree?: A Lawyer's Guide to Career Alternatives Inside, Outside & around the Law 5th

Law Library Reference KF297.A875 2004

Provides an introduction to career building, job options, both law and non-law related, as well as job search strategies.

Arron, Running From the Law: Why Good Lawyers Are Getting Out of the Legal Profession 3d

Law Library KF 297 .A87 2004

Narrative accounts of why attorneys chose to seek alternative positions. The Appendices contain a list of Internet tools, as well as information on career counseling and professional career assistance resources.

Bell, Full Disclosure: Do You REALLY Want to Be a Lawyer?

KF 300 .F85 1992

Discusses the many career possibilities for attorneys to help individuals know what “being a lawyer is like.

Beyond L.A. Law: Break the Traditional “Lawyer” Mold

Law Library KF 297 .A2 S65 1998

Narrative accounts of lawyers working in a variety of legal and law-related careers.

“Breaking Away from the Norm—Nontraditional and Non-Legal Careers” from LegalAuthority.com

<http://www.legalauthority.com/articles/70107/Breaking-Away-from-the-Norm-mdash-Nontraditional-and-Non-ndash-Legal-Careers>

Cain, Turning Points: New Paths and Second Careers for Lawyers

Law Library KF 297.C32 1994

Primarily a source for lawyers considering a second career, this book contains tips on networking, resumes and interviewing. Some of the topics discussed are alternative dispute resolution, pro bono work, law librarianship, and politics. Of primary interest is the appendix which contains names and addresses of persons to contact regarding various career opportunities.

Cannon, Ultimate Guide to Your Legal Career
Law Library KF 297 .C327 2007

Contains chapters on judicial clerkships, law firms and alternatives to law firm positions, changing jobs, and escaping from your legal career.

DeBroff, Martyn, Shabecoof, and Landers, Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide, Vol. I ---USA
Law Library Reference KF 299 .P8 P82 2008/2009

Subtitled "Harvard Law School's Handbook & Directory for Law Students and Lawyers Seeking Public Service Work." Provides information on job search strategies, resumes and cover letters, networking, interviewing. Chapter 7 provides a directory of public interest and government employers and Chapter 11 provides a bibliography of job print and Internet job search resources.

Echaore-McDavid, Career Opportunities in Law and the Legal Industry
Law Library KF 297 .E245 2002

A survey of law and law-related positions, many of which do not require law degrees. For each position, the book provides a description, the basic requirements, salary information, and job market/advancement information.

Furi-Perry, Fifty Unique Legal Paths: How to Find the Right Job
Law Library KF 297 .F87 2008

Discusses growing practice areas for new JDs, careers in nonprofit, public interest, government, business and corporate careers as well as academic and law office management options.

Gibson, Flying Solo: A Survival Guide for the Solo and Small Firm Lawyer 4th
Law Library KF 300 .F58 2005

A collection of chapters discussing whether and how to survive as a solo practitioner.

The Great Firm Escape: Harvard Law School's Guide to Breaking Out of Private Practice and Into Public Service
Law Library KF 299 .P8 G74 2000

Answers common questions and provides guidance on seeking public interest employment

opportunities.

Hansen, "Alternative Legal Careers" from LawCrossing.com
<http://www.lawcrossing.com/article/116/Alternative-Legal-Careers/>

Kane, "Alternative Legal Careers" from About.com
<http://legalcareers.about.com/od/jobsearch/a/alternatives.htm>

Killoughey, Breaking Traditions: Work Alternatives for Lawyers
Law Library KF 297.B67 1993

Sections V and VI of this source contain essays on alternatives to law firm and to traditional practice. Possibilities mentioned include working in the federal government or a not-for-profit institution, contract lawyering, politics and academia.

Lawyers in Transition website
<http://www.lawyersintransition.com/>

Lawyers in Transition is a national career consulting firm which provides information and resources to help lawyers and law students succeed in their job and career choices.

McNeil Staudenmaier, ed., Changing Jobs: A Handbook for Lawyers in the New Millennium
Law Library KF 297 .C4 1999

Discusses career assessment and effective career search strategies. Also covers resumes, cover letters and interviewing. Part IV deals with career options, including judicial clerkships, teaching, contract employment, and non-traditional careers.

Morrison and Chin, Beyond the Big Firm: Profiles of Lawyers Who Want Something More
Law Library KF 299 .P8 M67 2007

Narrative accounts of lawyers working in a variety of legal and law-related careers. The accounts are divided into four categories, protecting civil liberties, civil rights, and the environment, direct service, criminal law, and other government lawyers.

Munneke, Legal Career Guide: From Law Student to Lawyer 5th
Law Library KF297.M863 2008 and CD-ROM 1116

Provides general information on planning a career in law, searching for a job, as well as information on potential markets for lawyers.

Munneke, Henslee, and Wayne, Nonlegal Careers for Lawyers 5th
Law Library KF297.A76 2006

A good survey of the career opportunities for which legal training is especially useful but where law is not practiced per se. Different chapters cover business and industry,

government service, public and community service, professional services, publishing and media, educational institutions, information and technology, and entrepreneurial ventures. Also gives tips, strategies and advice for finding a nonlegal position.

Munneke, Opportunities in Law Careers
Law Library KF 297 .Z9 M84 2001

Discusses different career paths for attorneys.

National Association for Law Placement, Jobs & JD's: Employment and Salaries of New Law Graduates, Class of 2007

Law Library Reference KF 301 .C58 2007

Provides statistics on employers, job types, salaries, and geographic locations.

Walton, America's Greatest Places to Work with a Law Degree and How to Make the Most of the Job, No Matter Where It Is!

Law Library KF 297 .W338 1999

Walton, Guerilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams

Law Library KF 297 .W34 1995

Second edition on order.

Employers of Lawyers

General Resources

AlternativeLawyerJobs.com website

<http://www.alternativelawyerjobs.com/>

A job posting board for lawyers seeking alternative legal positions, including in-house, government and non-profit counsel positions, part-time and contract legal work, and law-related or non-legal careers.

AttorneyJobs.com

<http://www.attorneyjobs.com/>

A paid subscription to AttorneyJobs.com, a Thomson West business, provides access to thousands of jobs nationwide and abroad covering legal and law-related job opportunities in law firms, corporations, advocacy groups, Federal, state, and local governments, courts, legal service organizations, colleges and universities, as well as information about appointments and fellowships.

NALP Directory of Legal Employers

Law Library Reference KF 190 .N25 2008/2009

Also available at www.nalpdirectory.com and through lawschool.westlaw.com>Career Resources>NALP Employers Directory. “Guide that offers a comprehensive compilation of essential information on the hiring needs and employment plans of more than 1.800 law offices, public interest organizations, government agencies, and corporations throughout the United States.” 2008/2009 NALP Directory, at vii.

Vault.com

<http://www.vault.com/index.jsp>

Get insider information on top employers and education programs, job search advice, salary info, job listings, employee message boards and surveys. Use the Job Board to search for positions.

Art, Entertainment, and Sports Industries

Dannenfeldt, “How Entertainment Lawyers Work” from HowStuffWorks.com
<http://entertainment.howstuffworks.com/entertainment-lawyer.htm>

Henslee, Careers in Entertainment Law 2d
Law Library KF 299.E57 H46 1998

Offers realistic, first-hand accounts of entertainment law practice and guidance on setting and reaching career goals. Appendix D lists industry organizations, Appendix F lists entertainment law firms, and Appendix I list entertainment law internet sites.

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

<http://www.vlany.org/>

VLA delivers legal services and information to over 10,000 members of the arts community each year. See the Volunteer Attorney Orientations link [<http://www.vlany.org/legalservices/orientations.php>] for the requirements of volunteering with the VLA. Click on the “National Directory” link to access for state-by-state opportunities.

Kenneth L. Shropshire, CAREERS IN SPORTS LAW (1990). KF299.S6 S57 1990

Offers realistic, first-hand account of sports law practice and guidance on setting and reaching career goals. Of particular interest is Appendix A which lists sports organizations.

TeamWork Online’s Sport Jobs

<http://www.teamworkonline.com/xjobs.cfm?location=&s=&category=Legal>

Corporations, Banking and Finance

Corporate Legal Work—The Perks and the Downside, the Ins and the Outs, and the Methods from LegalAuthority.com

<http://www.legalauthority.com/articles/70101/Corporate-Legal-Work-mdash-The-Perks-and-the-Downside-the-Ins-and-the-Outs-and-the-Methods>

Association of Corporate Counsel’s In-House Jobline

<http://jobline.acc.com/search/>

“Breaking And Entering Into Finance, Part II: The Lawyer” from MergersandInquisitions.com

<http://www.mergersandinquisitions.com/breaking-and-entering-into-finance-part-ii-the-lawyer/>

Directory of Corporate Counsel

Law Library Reference KF195 .C6D57 2007/2008

This is the most complete directory available on corporate counsel. Gives biographic information on schools attended, professional affiliations and previous positions held, when possible. Also provides phone numbers, addresses, and website URLs. Cross-indexed by geographic location. In alphabetical order by company. Great for personalizing letters and for determining credentials which companies might expect.

Foundation Center’s Job Corner

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/jobs/?jsessionid=A5KAUY4HQKJIDLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F>

“The Job Corner provides listings of current full-time job openings at U.S.-based foundations and nonprofit organizations.”

Idealist.org

<http://www.idealist.org/>

Idealist is a project of Action Without Borders, a nonprofit organization founded in 1995 with offices in the United States and Argentina. Idealist is an interactive site where people and organizations can exchange resources and ideas, locate opportunities and supporters, and take steps toward building a world where all people can lead free and dignified lives. The Career Center area of the website (<http://www.idealist.org/en/career/index.html>) provides access to posted job and volunteer opportunities as well as articles on nonprofit careers.

Nonprofit Sector Yellow Book

Law Library Reference HD 2769.2 .U6 N66

Subtitled “Who’s Who in the Management of the Leading Foundations, Universities,

Museums, and other Nonprofit Organizations,” contains contact information for executives and trustees at “nearly 1,400 nonprofit organizations, including foundations, colleges and universities, museums, performing arts groups and centers, medical institutions, library systems, preparatory schools, and charitable service organizations.” Description from inside cover.

Educational Institutions

“Academic Positions” from LegalAuthority.com

<http://www.legalauthority.com/articles/70009/Academic-Positions>

Elyce H. Zenoff & Jerome A. Barron. "So You Want to Be a Law Professor," 69 ABA Journal 1712-1717 (1983).

Tips on how to apply for and how to land a teaching job.

Durrani, “Becoming a Law Professor, Part 1” and “Becoming a Law Professor, Part 2”

<http://www.lawcrossing.com/article/753/Becoming-a-Law-Professor,-Part-1/>

<http://www.lawcrossing.com/article/765/Becoming-a-Law-Professor,-Part-2/>

Association of American Law Schools, Placement Bulletin (bimonthly)
Law Library KF 263.A86

Lists positions available as faculty, deans, administrators, researchers and related areas of legal education.

Association of American Law Schools Faculty Recruitment

http://www.aals.org/services_recruitment.php

Nonprofit Sector Yellow Book: Who’s Who in the Management of the Leading Foundations, Universities, Museums, and other Nonprofit Organizations

Law Library Reference HD 2769.2 .U6 N66

Subtitled “Who’s Who in the Management of the Leading Foundations, Universities, Museums, and other Nonprofit Organizations,” contains contact information for executives and trustees at “nearly 1,400 nonprofit organizations, including foundations, colleges and universities, museums, performing arts groups and centers, medical institutions, library systems, preparatory schools, and charitable service organizations.” Description from inside cover.

Environmental Law

Ecology Law Quarterly, Environmental Law Careers Directory 2003-2004

Law Library Reference KF299.E6 E58 2003-2004

Directory of non-profits, private firms and government offices providing

opportunities for environmental lawyers. Cross-indexed by state.

EarthJustice.org's Jobs & Educational Opportunities

http://www.earthjustice.org/about_us/jobs_education/index.html

Job opportunities at EarthJustice, including internships, externships, and clerkships. The database can be searched by regional office or by job type.

EnvironmentalChemistry.com's Environmental Careers in the United States

<http://environmentalchemistry.com/careers/type/environmentallaw.html>

Environmental Career Opportunities

<http://www.ecojobs.com/index.php>

Council of State Governments State Directory: Directory III—Administrative Officials

Law Library Reference JK 2403 .S68 2008

Directory of state administrative agencies, listed by topic, including environmental protection, fish and wildlife, natural resources, recycling, and water resources.

Serve.gov

<http://www.serve.gov/>

Serve.gov is a comprehensive clearinghouse of volunteer opportunities. Americans who are interested in volunteering can use this tool to locate opportunities to serve across the country and around the world. To find an opportunity based on geography, the volunteer can enter his or her ZIP code. To find an opportunity based on interest area, the volunteer can enter a keyword such as "education" or "environment". All volunteer opportunities are listed by our partner organizations.

Trzyna, editor, World Directory of Environmental Organizations 6th (2001)

Law Library Reference TD169.6.W67 2001

Contains addresses for United Nations, intergovernmental and international nongovernmental organizations concerned with the environment. Also includes a breakdown by subject, country, and region.

Government Positions: Federal

General Career Information

“Attorneys in the Federal Service” from USAJobs.gov

<http://www.usajobs.gov/ei24.asp>

“How to Find a Job as a Government Attorney” from HowtoDoThings.com

<http://www.howtothings.com/careers/a2956-how-to-find-a-job-as-a-government-att>

[orney.html](#)

Advice on finding federal, state, and local government attorney positions

“Thinking about Government Employment” from LegalAuthority.com

<http://www.legalauthority.com/articles/70013/Thinking-About-Government-Employment>

“Government Jobs—The Ins and Outs, the Ups and Downs, and the Methods” from LegalAuthority.com

<http://www.legalauthority.com/articles/70102/Government-Jobs-mdash-The-Ins-and-Outs-the-Ups-and-Downs-and-the-Methods>

2008-2009 Federal Legal Employment Opportunities Guide

http://www.pslawnet.org/uploads/2008-2009_FLEOG_FINAL_PDF.pdf

ABA Law Student Division, Now Hiring: Government Jobs for Lawyers

Law Library KF 299 .G6 F4 1995/1996 [1997/1998 missing from Reference]

A basic resource on finding Federal jobs. Describes opportunities for lawyers in the executive, legislative and judicial branches as well as in independent agencies.

Federal Directories and Websites

U.S. Government official job website

<http://www.usajobs.gov/>

Searchable by job title, keyword, and location.

U.S. Government Manual

Law Library Reference JK 421 .A3 2008/2009

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/gmanual/index.html>

Publication which provides descriptions of agency purposes and powers, phone numbers and addresses, and schematic diagrams of Cabinet departments and agencies.

Federal Yellow Book

Law Library Reference JK 6 .F41

Subtitled “Who’s Who in the Federal Departments and Agencies,” contains names and contact information for government officials the Executive Office of the President, the Cabinet-level departments, and the independent federal agencies.

Federal Regional Yellow Book

Law Library Reference JK 6 .F425

Subtitled “Who’s Who in the Federal Government’s Departments, Agencies, Diplomatic Missions, Military Installations and Service Academies outside of Washington, D.C.,” contains names and contact information for the administrators and personnel in regional federal offices, arranged by department and independent agencies.

Official Congressional Directory

Law Library Reference JK 1011 .U5 2007/2008

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cdirectory/index.html>

Biographies on members, committee assignments, departments, diplomatic offices and representatives, the Executive Office of the President, and information on the judiciary.

Congressional Yellow Book

Law Library Reference JK 1012 .C6

Subtitled “Who’s Who in Congress, including Committees and Key Staff,” contains contact information for members of Congress, their key staff members, and state offices.

Making the Difference Law Jobs in the Federal Government

<http://www.makingthedifference.org/federalcareers/law.shtml>

Specific Departments and Organizations

Department of Homeland Security: Legal Employment Opportunities with the Office of the General Counsel

http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/careers/gc_1192223920159.shtm

Department of Justice Career Opportunities

http://www.usdoj.gov/06employment/06_1.html

Department of Labor Online Opportunities Recruitment System (DOORS)

<http://www.doors.dol.gov/index.asp>

Department of State career information

<http://www.state.gov/careers/>

Department of Treasury career information

<http://www.ustreas.gov/organization/employment/>

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

<http://www.fdic.gov/about/jobs/index.html>

Federal Reserve Board

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/Careers/attorney.htm>

Federal Trade Commission

<http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/oed/hrmo/index.shtm>

Internal Revenue Service Attorney Careers

http://jobs.irs.gov/car_other_atty.html

http://jobs.irs.gov/downloads/IRS-CC_Brochure_4web.pdf

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

<http://www.occ.treas.gov/jobs/lawjob.htm>

Office of Thrift Supervision

<http://www.ots.treas.gov/?p=Attorney>

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

<http://www.sec.gov/jobs/lawyers.htm>

http://www.sec.gov/jobs/jobs_attorneys.shtml

Government Positions: State and Local

“How to Find a Job as a Government Attorney”

<http://www.howtodothings.com/careers/a2956-how-to-find-a-job-as-a-government-attorney.html>

Advice on finding federal, state, and local government attorney positions

GovtJob.Net

<http://www.govtjob.net/>

GovtJob.Net has become a leading national resource for state and local government employment opportunities and information. Select “Job Openings” to explore career options. Click the “For Applicants” link to find the “Career Guidance” information.

State Yellow Book

Law Library Reference JK 2443 .S721

Subtitled “Who’s Who in the Executive and Legislative Branches of the 50 State Governments,” contains names and contact information for elective officials and personnel in the state governments, arranged by state.

Council of State Governments State Directory: Directory I—Elective Officials

Law Library Reference JK2403.S69 2008

Lists names and party affiliations of the governor, lt. governor, secretary of state and selected top officials as well as the names and addresses of all legislators for every state.

Council of State Governments State Directory: Directory II—Legislative Leadership.

Committees & Staff

Law Library Reference JK2403.S7 2008

A very good source for the state government job seeker or lobbyist. Most legislative committees and aides have staffers with law degrees. Lists legislators, contact numbers, aides and committees by state. Also has a list of selected committees by area of interest.

Council of State Governments State Directory: Directory III—Administrative Officials

Law Library Reference JK 2403 .S68 2008

Directory of state administrative agencies, listed by topic, including environmental protection, fish and wildlife, natural resources, recycling, and water resources.

Municipal Yellow Book

Law Library Reference JS 323 .M86

Subtitled “Who’s Who in the Leading City and County Governments and Local Authorities,” contains names and contact information for elective officials and personnel in selected city and county governments.

National Directory of Prosecuting Attorneys

Law Library Reference KF 9640 .N3 2005

Lists names and contact information for prosecuting attorneys and attorney generals, arranged by state.

Hospitals

National Health Lawyers Association, Careers in Health Care Law

Law Library Reference KF297.Z9 C37 1989

Explores what health law is, what types of organizations use health lawyers, and tips on how to pursue a career in health law. Also includes addresses of health related organizations and associations.

American Health Lawyers Association Career Center

http://archive.healthlawyers.org/crm_queries/career/main.cfm

Insurance Industry

“Insurance Legal Jobs” at UltimateInsuranceJobs.com

<http://www.ultimateinsurancejobs.com/legaljobs.asp>

InsuranceLawJobs.com

<http://www.insurancelawjobs.com/>

Hine's Insurance Counsel

Law Library Reference HG 8525 .H66 2202/2003

Alphabetical listing of insurance companies with addresses followed by geographical listing of insurance defense and transportation attorneys.

Best's Directory of Recommend Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters

Law Library Reference KF 195 .I5 B4 2008

National reference source of insurance attorneys.

International

“Beyond Borders—International Legal Employment” from LegalAuthority.com

<http://www.legalauthority.com/articles/70103/Beyond-Borders-mdash-International-Legal-Employment>

American Society of International Law, Careers in International Law

Law Library Reference K 115 .I58 2007-2008

This guide contains two parts; the first part is a compilation of personal narratives from international attorneys and the second part is a directory of organizations and institutions that offer internships, fellowships, or pro bono opportunities in international law.

Directory of Foreign Firms Operating in the United States 13th

Business Reference HG4057.A155

Grouped first by foreign country, then alphabetically, then by list of American affiliates. Lists address, products or services, phone numbers and name of president or other top officer.

Europa Directory of International Organizations 5th

Law Library Reference JZ 4838 .E97 2003

A comprehensive guide to international organizations, including the United Nations, major non-UN organizations, and other international organizations, listed by subject. The entries include an overview of the organizations' missions as well as contact information, such as phone numbers, addresses, and email and website addresses.

Greiman and Hubbard, ed., Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide, Vol. II ---International

Law Library Reference K 118 .P82 H271 2008/2009

Subtitled “Harvard Law School’s Handbook & Directory for Law Students and Lawyers Seeking International Public Service Work.” Provides narratives about working in nongovernmental, intergovernmental, and governmental settings, overviews and advice on

working in these settings, and listings for fellowships, resources, and organizations.

Includes chapters on the United Nations as well as on international opportunities within both the U.S. Government and Non-profit organizations. Also includes a bibliography on International Public Interest resources.

Judiciary

Judicial Clerkships—The Ups and Downs and the Ins and Outs from LegalAuthority.com
<http://www.legalauthority.com/articles/70105/Judicial-Clerkships-mdash-The-Ups-and-Downs-and-the-Ins-and-Outs>

Acting Judicially—The Ups and Downs and Ins and Outs of Judgeship from LegalAuthority.com
<http://www.legalauthority.com/articles/70104/Acting-Judicially-mdash-The-Ups-and-Downs-and-Ins-and-Outs-of-Judgeship>

BNA's Directory of State and Federal Courts, Judges and Clerks
Law Library Reference KF 8700 .A19 K56

Provides contact information for the judges, clerks of court, and other key personnel in the federal and state courts. Also provide schematic diagrams of the various court systems, detailing the judges, key personnel, jurisdiction, and appellate process.

Federal-State Court Directory
Law Library Reference KF 8700 .A19 F4

Provides contact information for the judges, clerks of court, and other key personnel in the federal and state appellate courts. Also provide schematic diagrams of the various court systems, detailing the judges, key personnel, jurisdiction, and appellate process.

Judicial Staff Directory
Law Library Reference KF 8700 .A19 J83 2009

Provides contact information for judges and staff members in the federal and state courts as well as personnel in the Department of Justice. Also contains biographies of the judges and key personnel.

Judicial Yellow Book
Law Library Reference KF 8700.A19 J84

Subtitled “Who’s Who in Federal and State Courts,” contains contact information for federal judges and for state appellate-level judges. Also includes information about the judges’ staff and law clerks, and the law schools the judges attended.

U.S. Courts Online Court Locator

<http://www.uscourts.gov/courtlinks/>

Directory of State Court Clerks and County Courthouses

Law Library Reference KF 8700 .A19 D58

Provides addresses for the state courts and contact information for the clerk of courts. Also provide schematic diagrams of the state court systems, detailing the judges, key personnel, jurisdiction, and appellate process.

State Court Web Sites from the National Center for State Courts

http://www.ncsconline.org/D_kis/info_court_web_sites.html

National Directory of Prosecuting Attorneys

Law Library Reference KF 9640 .N3 2005

Lists names and contact information for prosecuting attorneys and attorney generals, arranged by state.

Schwartz and Hunter, United States Tribal Courts Directory, 2d

Law Library Reference KF 8224 .C6 S39 2006

Arranged by state, provides contact information, judges, websites, and descriptions for Tribal Courts.

National American Indian Court Judges Association's National Tribal Justice Resource Center

<http://www.najrc.org/tribalcourts/onlinedirectory.asp>

Libraries:

American Association of Law Libraries Job Hotline

<http://www.aallnet.org/hotline/hotline.asp>

Excellent job opportunities in this field. Many entry level positions require a J.D. and M.L.S. The M.L.S. can be completed in one year or is available as part of the JD/MLS joint degree program.

Careers in Law Librarianship

<http://lawlibrarycareers.org/>

Site, sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries, explores information on the possible law librarianship careers, the educational requirements, and available assistance

Of Counsel, Contract, and/or Part-Time Positions

Henry, "The Case for Flex-Time and Part-Time Lawyering"

<http://www.flextimelawyers.com/pdf/art1.pdf>

<http://www.darlinghill.com/tag/flexible-lawyer-jobs/>

Arron and Guyol, The Complete Guide to Contract Lawyering: What Every Lawyer and Law Firm Needs to Know about Temporary Legal Services
Law Library KF 315 .A97 2004

Discusses aspects of interest to contract lawyers and firms wishing to hire contract lawyers. Part II discusses “What Every Contract Lawyer Should Know” with sections on marketing, setting rates, finding work, and staying in business.

Robinson, Practicing Law Without Clients: Making a Living as a Freelance Lawyer
Law Library KF 300 .Z9 R62 1996

Chapters cover what tasks freelance lawyers undertake, and starting, managing, and marketing such careers.

Wren and Glascock, The Of Counsel Agreement: A Guide for Law Firm and Practitioner, 3d
Law Library KF 300 .W74 and CD-ROM 612

Discusses the uses and structuring of of-counsel statuses in light of several ABA formal ethics opinions. Also contains a chapter on planning and drafting of-counsel agreements with sample agreements in the appendices.

Public Interest

“Is Public Interest Law for You?” from LegalAuthority.com

<http://www.legalauthority.com/articles/70012/Is-Public-Interest-Law-for-You>

“The Great Migration: From Law Firms to Public Service” from EqualJusticeWords.org

<http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/resources/career-resources/lawfirms-to-public-service>

Public Service Law Net

<http://www.pslawnet.org/>

An excellent source for jobs, internships, fellowships, and professional positions for law students and attorneys. Covers organizations, government agencies, and private law firms with public interest or *pro bono* activities. Choose the “Career Central” link to explore career opportunities.

Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI)

<http://www.pili-law.org/>

Explore the “Programs” link to locate information on internships, fellowships, *pro bono*

initiatives, and law firm extended placement programs.

Equal Justice Works

<http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/>

Select the Programs tab to explore fellowships, Americorp Fellowships, Summer Corp and Katrina Initiative opportunities.

Idealist.org

<http://www.idealist.org/>

Idealist is a project of Action Without Borders, a nonprofit organization founded in 1995 with offices in the United States and Argentina. Idealist is an interactive site where people and organizations can exchange resources and ideas, locate opportunities and supporters, and take steps toward building a world where all people can lead free and dignified lives. The Career Center area of the website (<http://www.idealist.org/en/career/index.html>) provides access to posted job and volunteer opportunities as well as articles on nonprofit careers.

1-800-Volunteer

<http://www.1-800-volunteer.org/>

1-800-Volunteer.org is a national Internet and telephone-based service developed by HandsOn Network which promotes and facilitates volunteering. English and Spanish speaking volunteers use the system to connect to volunteer opportunities in their community. Click on the “Advanced Search” option, and explore the Issue Area and Skill drop-down menus for crime or criminal justice/legal.

National Pro Bono Opportunities Guide from the American Bar Association

http://www.probono.net/aba_oppsguide/

Directory of Legal Aid and Defender Offices in the United States and Territories by National Legal Aid & Defender Association (2007/2008)
Law Library Reference KF336.A332 2007/2008

Lists civil legal aid offices, legal services corporation offices and support centers, defender offices, state associations for criminal defense and public defenders and special needs program. The Directory also has a very thorough bibliography.

National Legal Aid & Defender Association Job Opportunities

<http://www.nlada.org/Jobs>

“The ‘Jobs’ area of the NLADA Web site includes positions in civil legal services, defender organizations, pro bono and public interest organizations, public interest law firms and academia. Anyone may browse this area of the site.”

Foundation Directory

Law Library Reference AS 911 .A2 F65 2006

Non-governmental grantmakers in the U.S. Information listed by geographical location and cross-indexed by fields of interest. If you think you might be interested in a position as counsel to a philanthropic agency or are interested in non-legal careers in this area, this is an excellent guide.

Foundation Center's Job Corner

<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/jobs/?jsessionid=A5KAUY4HQKJIDLAQBQ4CGW15AAAACI2F>

“The Job Corner provides listings of current full-time job openings at U.S.-based foundations and nonprofit organizations.”

Nonprofit Sector Yellow Book

Law Library Reference HD 2769.2 .U6 N66

Subtitled “Who’s Who in the Management of the Leading Foundations, Universities, Museums, and other Nonprofit Organizations,” contains contact information for executives and trustees at “nearly 1,400 nonprofit organizations, including foundations, colleges and universities, museums, performing arts groups and centers, medical institutions, library systems, preparatory schools, and charitable service organizations.” Description from inside cover.

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