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Paralegal

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Paralegals are legal assistants who provide support to lawyers. Although they are not permitted to offer legal advice or represent clients during trials, they play a significant role in legal proceedings. They conduct important and thorough research, take depositions, interview clients and witnesses, and write/prepare court documents. Consider these FIVE reasons to become a paralegal!

1. Paralegal Salary

The median pay for paralegals has increased in recent years, with rising client demands, rapid growth rate, and new legal trends. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the 2024 median annual wage for paralegals is \$61,010 or \$29.33 per hour. Despite economic upturns and downswings, statistics show a strong likelihood of a paralegal's salary exceeding expectations. There is also affirmation that paralegals can be awarded bonuses and overtime. Do a salary.com search for paralegal salaries in your area and see if you like what you find! Projected Employment in 2029 nationally is 373,100 jobs. The job outlook for 2019-2029 is 10%, much faster than average.

2. Educational Requirements

An Associates Degree in Paralegal Studies is all you need to get a solid job in the field of paralegal law. It is a stepping stone to different levels of paralegal work, as in supervisory capacities. Gaining this Degree as a "tag on" to a Bachelor's or Masters in other majors, can add to the depth of an individual's educational vitae showing "a specialization in the law".

3. Profession Demand and Growth

"The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects 10-15% percent employment growth for paralegals between 2016 and 2029, almost doubling that of lawyers." Paralegals have been shown to boost revenue for a law firm, putting this professional career in high demand. A majority of paralegals work full time hours; some even more than 40 hours a week in order to meet deadlines, while others work flex or remote times.

4. Flexibility Within the Law Field

A paralegal can choose to specialize in any area of the law that interests them most. When researching where to get your paralegal training, consider the Lansdale School of Business Paralegal Associate in Specialized Business Degree-Business Administration Division Program. The Concentration portion of the curriculum offers classes in specific areas of law like Criminal, Domestic Relations/Family, Wills/Trusts and Estates, Real Estate, Litigation, to name a few. Lansdale School of Business offers 16 legal-related classes within the program.

5. Prestige and the Change to Help Others

Paralegals are more than assistants to attorneys. They are the "glue" of a law firm, always making sure efficiently and accuracy get top priority. As a paralegal, you are a part of a team, invaluable in your skills and performance of your job tasks that are vital to the attorneys and other legal support staff. They are heralded often, as the "heroes" at the end of a case. Simply put, paralegals help people! They add expertise and valuable skills assisting their employers to be more productive in their jobs. They can also increase a company's revenue and expand a client base as they interact directly with clients serving their individual legal needs.

Where Can I Work as a Paralegal?

Becoming a trained and experienced paralegal gives you solid job prospects in many sectors, be it in government agencies, real estate companies, doing advocacy work or in corporate law firms and legal departments of large or small companies. You can also gain employment as a paralegal in hospitals and other medical organizations, local municipal and government agencies such as Homeland Security and Immigrations, courthouses, non-profit agencies, privately-owned companies and more! Such an expansive opportunity pool means that paralegals can opt to sub-specialize or remain a generalist.

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