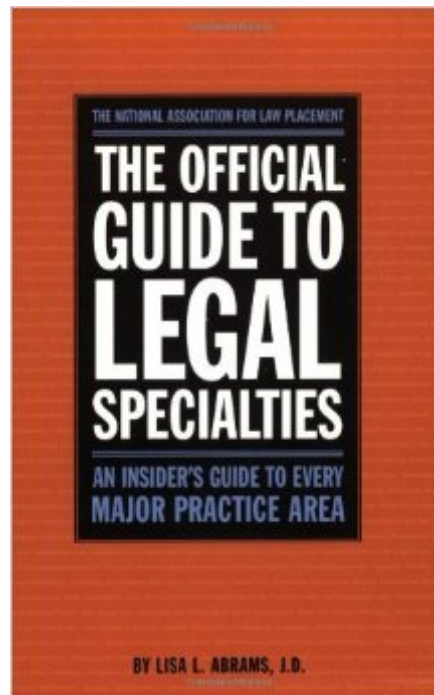




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# Official Guide To Legal Specialties (Career Guides)



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During the years I spent as an assistant dean of career services at a Chicago law school, I worked with thousands of law students and alumni. I know first hand that finding a legal job is one thing, but finding a truly satisfying job, in which there is a good fit between the student or graduate and the employer, is another. There are many books that talk about how to look for a legal job. But until now, there has been little information about the available range of legal career options. That why the National Association for Law Placement developed this book. We spent more than two years (including hours of fascinating face-to-face and telephone interviews) gathering the information we knew students and alumni needed most---and The Official Guide to Legal Specialties is the result. Each chapter begins with a brief overview of the area of law, such as "What is Real Estate Law?" Then the chapters explore typical daily activities as well as advice for law students, including

extensive quotes from the attorneys we interviewed. I encourage you to explore not just the areas of law that appeal to you at first glance, but additional areas as well. When I was in law school, it never crossed my mind to explore non-litigation careers. I never learned about specialty areas that would make the most of my counseling and relationship building skills. I never even remotely considered a career in estate planning, but, after interviewing the attorneys in the estate planning chapter I learned that it would be a very good match for my skills and interests. In reading this book, you'll learn that there are satisfied, enthusiastic lawyers in every practice specialty. And you'll be one step closer to finding a legal career that you're passionate about!

Amazing book! I really recommend it to every perspective law student - it tells you about specialty that you haven't even heard of before. It also gives you inside of area that you want to focus on. You will be doing a lot of rethinking after this reading. I really recommend to highline specialties that you like - this way you can go back to them and compare after reading whole book.

Most books available on the legal field are not all that helpful - this book is not one of them. It is very well written and provides a great overview of many legal specialties. A must for Career Offices and students and lawyers who are unsure what field they want to practice in or how they can involved in a particular field of law.

Great way to find out the various aspects of law and careers.

My career center had this and I loved it so much I had to buy it for myself. I can see myself referencing it for years to come even after I choose one path, in case I want to move laterally.

I found the book to be well written and researched. The varied perspectives for each specialty add depth to the discussion. I highly recommend this text for anyone considering the practice of law as a vocation or law students and young attorneys seeking career focus and guidance.

Just kinda skims over each specialty. Could use some depth.

As other reviewers pointed out, this book doesn't indicate a single negative aspect about any of the practice areas it covers. To me, this seemed unrealistic and impractical for someone trying to make a decision about their career path - being presented with all pros and no cons. I purchased this book

to explore possible alternative practice areas for my established practice, perhaps as a guide for new associates I may employ who want to explore different areas of law - and I was disappointed. For starters, I was surprised that many relatively common areas of practice were not addressed at all, such as Social Security Disability, construction law, and a few others. Then, the scope of the people interviewed in this book seems to be comprised mainly of attorneys from Illinois, Minnesota, and Washington DC. I understand that the author has a connection to Illinois, but a criminal defense practice in Chicago may be very different from one in a small town in Utah. Next, the daily tasks. This one drew a few smiles from me. Other than perhaps the description of the prosecutor's job, nearly every single practice area involved several hours per day on the phone, client meetings, and depositions. Really? After a while, all the tasks from the various practice areas begin to blend together and the practice of law seems like one lengthy phone call. Finally, glowing in the warmth of their practice areas, it would seem that all these lawyers are in love with their clients and spend their careers waltzing from one pleasant scene to the next. What about the reality of chasing clients for unpaid bills? Clients who report lawyers to the licensing authorities or sue them for malpractice? Bottom line: the practice of law is not all rainbows and butterflies, but this book would make it seem as though it is.

A must for any pre law or law student. It's helped me sound smart, knowing what different kinds of lawyers do.

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