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CAREERS IN LAW

Becoming A Lawyer

To become a lawyer in Newfoundland and Labrador you must have a law degree. Before applying to law school you must normally successfully complete a minimum of two years of an undergraduate degree in any discipline, or you can apply as a mature student. Generally, most students already have a bachelor's degree before they apply.

Atlantic Canada has three universities that offer a law program: the University of New Brunswick, Dalhousie University, and l'Universit  de Moncton. L'Univisite de Moncton offers the law program in French. It is unfortunate that there is no law school in this province; however, Dalhousie University and the University of New Brunswick reserve a number of seats each year for Newfoundland and Labrador applicants.

How do I get into law school?

Before acceptance to law school, all applicants must write the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test). This test is designed to measure skills that are considered essential for success in law school. It does not measure any common body of knowledge or specific discipline. Your LSAT score is one of the deciding factors in admission to law school, but also plays an

Law is a three-year degree program. After graduation you must complete a one year articling program, usually with a law firm, legal aid, or in a government department before you get called to the Bar in your province.

During that year, all articling clerks must successfully complete the Bar Admission Course. The format of the course varies from province to province. In Newfoundland and Labrador, it is an eight week course that teaches clerks the specifics of practice in their particular province. Clerks are not allowed to work during this period, and must write and receive a minimum grade on a series of exams.

If you successfully complete your year of articles and the Bar Admission Course Examinations you are then eligible to be called to the Bar.

Remember that the Bar requirements differ from province to province, so it is necessary to look at the requirements carefully while attending law school.

Becoming a Judge

Once a lawyer has been practicing for a number of years (usually ten) s/he may be considered for a position as a judge. Supreme Court judges are appointed to the bench by the prime minister and Provincial Court judges are appointed by the premier of the province.

What can I do with a law degree?

- Private Practice
 - litigation
 - non-litigation
- Legal Aid
- Crown Attorney
- Judge
- Government
- Law Professor
- Mediation/Arbitration
- Business
- Legal Education

What are some common areas of law?

- Family
- Criminal
- Commercial
- Constitutional
- Contracts
- International
- Human Rights
- Property
- Wills and Estates

What are other legal related careers?

- Law Enforcement
- Legal Secretary
- Court Clerk
- Sheriff's Officer
- Probation Officer
- Correctional Officer