CAMPBELL LAW CAREER CENTER: EMPLOYMENT SEARCH RESOURCES

GENERAL

ABA Career Counsel - [http://www.abanet.org/careercounsel/](http://www.abanet.org/careercounsel/) - This is the ABA's central source for online information on finding jobs and enhancing lawyers' careers. Visit the various areas of this site for tips on finding the right job and maximizing your career, job postings, tools and links to career related resources.


NALP: The National Association of Legal Career Professionals – [http://www.nalp.org](http://www.nalp.org) is the professional organization for Legal Career Service Offices and Recruiters. Members include ABA-accredited law schools, such as Touro Law Center, as well as law firms, governmental agencies, corporations and public interest organizations. NALP publishes many excellent resources, including two directories: The NALP Directory of Legal Employers can be accessed online at [http://www.nalpdirectory.com/](http://www.nalpdirectory.com/).

Below are resources to conduct law firm research, view law firm profiles, and classified ads across the country as well as obtain information about legal specialties and job search advice.

- ABA Career Counsel - [http://abanet.org/careercounsel](http://abanet.org/careercounsel)
- LegalStaff.Com Legal Career Center - [http://www.legalstaff.com](http://www.legalstaff.com)
- “Student Professionalism During the Interview Season: A Quick Guide to Your Ethical Responsibilities in the Offer and Decision-Making Process.” This new resource can be accessed either through the "JD Job Seekers" tab or through the "Forms" link on NALP's site. [http://www.nalp.org/jobseekers/](http://www.nalp.org/jobseekers/)[http://www.nalp.org/forms/]
- Nationwide general employment search [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)

ABA Employment Tips and Resources

- Career Center ([http://new.abanet.org/careercenter/Pages/careercenter.aspx](http://new.abanet.org/careercenter/Pages/careercenter.aspx))
- Collection of Articles for Your Job Search ([www.abanet.org/careercounsel/archive.html#find](http://www.abanet.org/careercounsel/archive.html#find))
- Young Lawyers Division Career Page ([www.abanet.org/yld/career.html](http://www.abanet.org/yld/career.html))
- How to Get a Job on the Hill ([www.abanet.org/govpub/job.html](http://www.abanet.org/govpub/job.html))
- Young Lawyer Division Newsletter - a practice-oriented newsletter designed to deliver specific, practical information. ([www.abanet.org/yld/tyl.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/yld/tyl.shtml))
- Young Lawyers Division 101 Practice Series - an online resource covering basic training in both substantive and practical aspects of law practice. Designed as a resource for lawyers in their first three years of practice. ([www.abanet.org/yld/101practiceseries/101practiceseries.shtml](http://www.abanet.org/yld/101practiceseries/101practiceseries.shtml))
ABA LEGAL JOB BOARDS:

- ABA Job Board (http://jobs.abanet.org/?ptc=jobboard_econrecoverybox_link)
- Careers at the American Bar Association (http://new.abanet.org/hr/default.aspx)
- Ethnic and Racial Diversity Job Board (http://new.abanet.org/centers/diversity/Pages/Jobs.aspx)
- Pro Bono and Public Interest (www.abanet.org/legalservices/probono/jobs.shtml)
- State and Local Government Resume Database (http://new.abanet.org/sections/statelocal/Pages/CAREERRESOURCES.aspx)
- Tax Law Job Locator Program (www.abanet.org/tax/lawstudents/jobs/home.html)

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Application Process: Some federal positions require that an applicant form be submitted along with a resume and cover letter. The type of form varies depending on the agency to which you are applying. The specific job posting should indicate what form is required, if any. To access all federal forms, please visit: http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/forms.htm.

Search Engines: To access the official web page of all three branches of the federal government, as well as virtually every federal agency (such as: the EPA, HUD, as well as the Departments of Education, Energy, Defense, and Transportation) visit either http://www.firstgov.gov.

Loan Forgiveness: The Federal student loan repayment program permits agencies to repay Federally insured student loans as a recruitment or retention incentive for candidates or current employees of the federal government. For more information go to http://www.opm.gov/oca/pay/studentloan/index.asp.

Federal Job Sites:
- U.S. Department of Justice – http://www.usdoj.gov/06employment/
- “Guide to the Department of Justice for Law Students and Experienced Attorneys” is available on the main page of the DOJ Legal Careers website at www.justice.gov/legalcareers. The actual document is at http://www.justice.gov/careers/legal/legal-careers-brochure.pdf. The guide highlights Justice’s four law student and attorney recruitment and hiring programs, and provides useful information on the DOJ offices (including descriptions of the sections within the larger Divisions) that hire law students and attorneys.
- Government Honors & Internship Handbook - www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm (obtain login/password needed from CLS Career Center)

STATE GOVERNMENT

NC Job Sites:
- NC Office of State Personnel – http://osp.its.state.nc.us/pickdepartment.asp
- NC Department of Justice - www.ncdoj.gov
- NC Courts - www.nccourts.org/citizens/jobs/default.asp
LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

- Law.com LawJobs Career Center - http://www.lawjobs.com - In addition to conducting a free search of classified ads nationwide, the Career Center provides news, legal surveys and many other resources.
- North Carolina Lawyer’s Weekly – www.nclawyersweekly.com

THE JUDICIARY

Federal Court

- Federal Judicial Center - http://www.fjc.gov - This is a comprehensive site providing excellent resources about the federal judiciary.
- Federal Judiciary Homepage – http://www.uscourts.gov – This site lists job openings within the federal court system. Additional employment opportunities are posted on each federal court’s individual web site, which can be located via the "links" section of the Federal Judiciary Homepage.

State Court

- National Center for State Courts – http://www.ncsconline.org/D_KIS/info_court_web_sites.html - This site provides direct links to state court web sites throughout the country.
- The North Carolina Court System – http://www.nccourts.org
- North Carolina Business Court - www.ncbusinesscourt.net

PRACTICE AREAS:

Alternative Careers for Lawyers: A legal education is very broad and allows for employment in not only a traditional career, such as private practice, but also in non-traditional careers. Examples of non-traditional legal careers include

- working in a Human Resources department handling employee and labor relations issues
- working in a hospital, corporation, insurance company or government entity as a risk manager
- working in a law firm as a recruiter, trainer or manager
- working for a bar association as a foundation director, administrator or community relations liaison
- working for a corporation or other business as an affirmative action officer, pension officer, contract specialist or policy analyst
- working in a law school or educational institutional teaching law-related courses, and
- working in the political arena as a lobbyist, political fund-raiser or on staff for a public official.

Alternative Careers:

• HR Next - http://www.hr.blr.com/
• International Personnel Management Association – http://www.ipma-hr.org
• National Association of Bar Executives - http://www.abanet.org/nabe/home.html
• Risk and Insurance Management Society - http://www.rims.org
• Society of Human Resources Management – http://www.shrm.org
• Society of Risk Analysis - http://www.sra.org/

Animal Rights Legal Advocacy:
• American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (“ASPCA”) - http://www.aspca.org - The ASPCA’s law department deals with a variety of issues including estate matters (animal lovers often name the ASPCA in wills).
• Animal Legal Defense Fund - http://www.aldf.org
• Animal Rights Issues & Links - http://www.envirolink.org
• Animal Rights Law @ Rutgers - http://www.animal-law.org

Aviation Law:
• Aviation Law Attorneys Online - http://www.aviation-law-lawyers.com/
• Legal Information Institute - http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/aviation.html
• Space, Aviation and Admiralty Law - http://www.hg.org/transp.html

Banking & Finance:
• ABA Section on Business Law - http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/home.html
• Banking Institutions - http://www.banking.state.ny.us/
• Corporate Counsel - http://www.corpcounsel.com
• Department of the Treasury - http://www.ustreas.gov
• Division of Taxation & Finance - http://www.tax.state.ny.us
• Federal Reserve System - http://www.federalreserve.gov/
• Federation of Tax Administrators - http://www.taxadmin.org
• Internal Revenue Service - http://www.irs.gov
• NCBA, Business Law Section - http://business.ncbar.org/
• North Carolina Office of the State Comptroller - http://www.osc.nc.gov/index2.html
• Small Business Administration - http://www.sbaonline.sba.gov

Careers within Colleges and Universities:
• American Association of Community Colleges – http://www.aacc.nche.edu/
• Association of American Colleges & Universities – http://www.aacu-edu.org/
• Chronicle of Higher Education – http://chronicle.com
• Community, Technical & Junior Colleges - http://www.ccweek.com
• Jurist – The Law Professor’s Network – http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/
• National Association of College and University Attorneys - http://www.nacua.org

Careers as a Law Librarian:
• International Association of Law Librarians - http://www.iall.org/

Computer & Technology Law:
ABA Section on Science & Technology Law - [http://www.abanet.org/scitech/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/scitech/home.html)
Clicking Through (Moving your Business Online) [http://www.clickingthrough.com](http://www.clickingthrough.com)
Cyberspace Law Center – [http://cyber.findlaw.com](http://cyber.findlaw.com)
The Computer Law Association - [http://www.itech.org](http://www.itech.org)

Corporate/In-House Counsel:
- ACCA In-House Jobs - [http://jobs.acca.com/](http://jobs.acca.com/)

Criminal Justice:
- ABA Section on Criminal Justice - [http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/crimjust/home.html)
- Academy of Criminal Justice - [http://www.acjs.org](http://www.acjs.org)
- American Civil Liberties Union - [http://www.aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org)
- District Attorneys and Prosecutors - [http://www.prosecutor.info](http://www.prosecutor.info) - This site will link to the official web site of every Prosecuting Attorney, District Attorney, and Attorney General's Office across the country.
- The Law and Society Association - [http://www.lawandsociety.org](http://www.lawandsociety.org)
- National District Attorneys Association - [http://www.ndaa-apri.org](http://www.ndaa-apri.org)
- NCBA, Criminal Justice Section - [http://criminaljustice.ncbar.org/](http://criminaljustice.ncbar.org/)
- Southern Poverty Law Center - [http://www.splcenter.org](http://www.splcenter.org)
- United States Department of Justice - [http://www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov)

Elder Law:
- American College of Trust & Estate Counsel - [http://www.actec.org](http://www.actec.org)
- Association of Healthcare Medical Lawyers - [http://www.healthcare-medlawyers.org](http://www.healthcare-medlawyers.org)
- NCBA, Elder Law Section - [http://elder.ncbar.org/](http://elder.ncbar.org/)

Employment & Labor law:
- ABA Section on Labor & Employment Law - [http://www.abanet.org/labor/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/labor/home.html)
- ABA Section of Labor & Employment Law - [www.laboremploymentlawjobs.com](http://www.laboremploymentlawjobs.com)
- National Employment Lawyers Association - [http://www.nela.org](http://www.nela.org)
- National Labor Relations Board - [http://www.nlrb.gov](http://www.nlrb.gov)

Entertainment Law:
- Academy of Motion Pictures, Arts and Sciences - [http://www.oscars.org/](http://www.oscars.org/)
Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Assn. – http://www.besla.org
Copyright, Trademark and Entertainment Law - http://www.supnik.com
Directors Guild of America - http://www.dga.org
Screen Actors Guild - http://www.sag.org
Variety - http://www.variety.com - This site contains invaluable information about the entertainment industry and should be read regularly by anyone who is seriously interested in entering this field.
NC Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts - http://www.ncvla.org/

Environmental Law:
- Environmental Protection Agency - http://www.epa.gov
- Environmental Defense Fund – http://www.edf.org
- Envirolink - http://www.envirolink.org
- NCBA, Environmental Law Section – http://environmental.ncbar.org/
- The Environmental Careers Org. – http://www.eco.org
- The Nature Conservancy – http://nature.org

Family Law:
- ABA Section on Family Law - http://www.abanet.org/family/home.html
- Children's Rights - http://www.childrensrights.org - Internship opportunities
- Family Center - http://www.thefamilycenter.org - Job Postings
- Family Law Information - http://adams.patriot.net/~crouch/fln/
- NCBA, Family Law Section - http://family.ncbar.org/

Health Law:
- ABA Section on Health Law - http://www.abanet.org/health/home.html
- College of Legal Medicine – http://www.aclm.org
- National Health Law Program – http://www.healthlaw.org

Immigration Law:
- American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) - http://www.aila.org
- Immigration Portal - http://www.ilw.com
- National Immigration Law Center - http://www.nilc.org

Intellectual Property:
- Licensing Executive Society - http://www.lesi.org
The U.S. Patent Office Licensing Exam ("Patent Bar") is offered in April and October each year, with registration required four (4) months in advance. Go to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's web site for details.

Each year there are four important career fairs specifically geared toward careers in intellectual property.

- The Loyola Patent Law Interview Program is held each August in Chicago. Major intellectual property law firms and corporate legal departments from across the country interview students for both summer and permanent positions. CPO will receive registration materials in the Spring semester.
- The American Intellectual Property Lawyers Association (AIPLA) hosts a career fair each fall in Washington, D.C. Students with either technical or non-technical backgrounds are interviewed for summer and full-time positions with prominent firms from across the country. Participants must join AIPLA by the August preceding the fair in order to participate. For more information visit www.aipla.org
- The Southeastern Intellectual Property Job Fair (SIPJF), held annually in July, is an initiative founded by the Intellectual Property Advisory Board, which is an alumni group associated with the Georgia State University College of Law. The fair is managed and executed by the Georgia State University College of Law Career Services Office. SIPJF continues to position itself to become the IP job fair that encompasses all areas of intellectual property from litigation to transactional to prosecution, across all industries and types of organizations. For more information, please visit http://law.gsu.edu/careers/index/SIPJF.
- The San Francisco Intellectual Property Association (SFIPLA) Annual Bay Area Job Fair is held each August. For more information visit - http://www.sfipla.org/jobfair.html

Summer Institute in Intellectual Property Law: Franklin Pierce Law Center's Intellectual Property Summer Institute, established in 1987, is a very comprehensive academic summer program in intellectual property law and licensing (technology transfer). The institute draws intellectual property professionals from over 24 countries. Up to twelve (12) credits may be earned in nine weeks in this concentrated, intensive program. Law students may gain professional practice skills, enabling them to "hit the deck running" when they enter intellectual property practice.

International Law:

- ABA Section on International Law - http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/home.html
- American Society of International Law - http://www.asil.org
- Association for Women's Rights in Development - http://www.awid.org/jobs
- Care USA - http://www.care.org
- For Careers in International Law – http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/careers.html
- Human Rights USA Resource Center - http://www.hrusa.org
- Idealist - http://www.idealist.org
- Institute for Global Communication - http://www.igc.org
- International Affairs Network - http://www.etown.edu/vl
- International Law Students Bar Association - http://www.ilsa.org
- Law Society of England and Wales - http://www.lawsociety.co.uk/
Medical Malpractice:
- Medical Litigation - http://www.medlit.info

Public Interest Law:
- Children's Rights - http://www.childrensrights.org - Internship opportunities
- Essential Home Page – http://www.essential.org
- Foreign Policy Association Job Board (www.fpa.org/jobs)
- Jobs in Public Housing – http://www.phada.org/house/jobops.html
- Just Advocates - http://www.just-advocates.com
- Legal Service Corporation – http://www.lsc.gov/
- National Center on Poverty Law - http://www.povertylaw.org - Contains excellent resources on public interest law, including a "Poverty Law Manual for the New Lawyer"
- Partnership for Public Service - www.ourpublicservice.org
- PSLawnet - The Public Service Law Network Worldwide, http://www.pslawnet.org, outlines numerous fellowship and internship opportunities for law students and ways to access funding for unpaid positions
- Public Interest Clearinghouse- www.pic.org
- US Public Interest Research Group - http://www.pirg.org - Offers summer and permanent job opportunities in various public interest issues
- Urban Justice Center - http://www.urbanjustice.org

Sports Law:
- Mark’s Sportslaw News – http://www.sportslawnews.com
- Sports Lawyers Asso. – http://www.sportslaw.org

Trial Advocacy:
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America – http://www.atlanet.org
- Legal Information Institute - http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/trial_practice.html
- Practicing Law Institute - http://www.pli.edu
BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

- Business North Carolina [http://businessnc.com/]
- Wall Street Journal

RESOURCES ON DIVERSITY:

- American Bar Association’s Commission on Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession - [http://www.abanet.org/minorities]
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association - [http://www.apalsa.org]
- Black Collegian Online Career Site for Students of Color - [http://www.black-collegian.com]
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute - [http://www.chci.org/]
- Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund - [http://www.maldef.org]
- Minority Corporate Counsel Association - [http://www.mcca.com]
- National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium - [http://www.napalc.org]
- National Black Law Students Association - [http://www.nblsa.org]
- National Bar Association - [http://www.nationalbar.org]
- Asian American Justice Center - [http://www.advancingequality.org]
- Diverse Education - [http://www.diverseeducation.com]

RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

- Disabled Lawyering Alliance - [http://www.disabledlawyering.org/]
- Disability Rights Advocate – [http://www.dralegal.org]

SALARY SURVEYS AND RESOURCES:

- Job Star - [http://jobstar.org/tools/salary/index.htm]
- Money Magazine’s Cost of Living Calculator (excellent resource for people relocating to another state) - [http://cgi.money.cnn.com/tools/costofliving/costofliving.html]

STATE BAR ADMISSIONS/BAR EXAMS:

- National Conference on Bar Examiners - [http://www.ncbex.org/]
- NC Board of Law Examiners - [http://www.ncble.org/]
- Barbri - [http://www.barbri.com/wps/portal/barbri/home]

STRESS MANAGEMENT:

- Stress Management Links - [http://www.imt.net/~randolfi/StressLinks.html]

NORTH CAROLINA – General:

- Legal Aid of North Carolina [www.legalaidnc.org/]
- NC Assn of Defense Attorneys [www.ncada.org/]
- NC Advocates for Justice [www.ncaj.com/]
NC Bar Association
NC Center for Death Penalty Litigation
NC Court System Home
NC General Assembly
NC Leaf
NC Prisoner Legal Services, Inc.
NC State Bar
NC Board of Law Examiners
NC State Government
NC Conference of District Attorneys
NC Office of Indigent Defense Services

North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence
North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission

www.ncbar.org/
www.cdpl.org/
www.nccourts.org/
www.ncga.state.nc.us/
www.ncleaf.org/
www.ncpls.org/
www.ncbar.gov/
www.ncble.org/
www.ncgov.org/
www.ncdistrictattorney.org/
www.ncids.org/

www.nccai.org/
www.innocencecommission-nc.gov