



# LEGAL STUDIES CAREERS

NO LAW DEGREE REQUIRED

## BY THE NUMBERS



According to the American Bar Association, the average cost of law degree is **\$34,000** and **\$43,000** for a top 10 school.

Cost of Paralegal Certification through Governors State University **\$1,595**



(Program is provided through Center for Legal Studies and approved for grant funding from the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act – WIOA for individuals who qualify)

Average debt from a law degree



**\$84,000** (pubic schools) and **\$122,258** (private schools)

## SALARY EXPECTATIONS



(mid-point to max\*\*)

Paralegal **\$45,750** to **\$64,500**

Senior Paralegal/Legal Assistant **\$69,500** to **89,750**



Average Salary for Arbitrators, Mediators & Conciliators **\$62,270\***

## EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



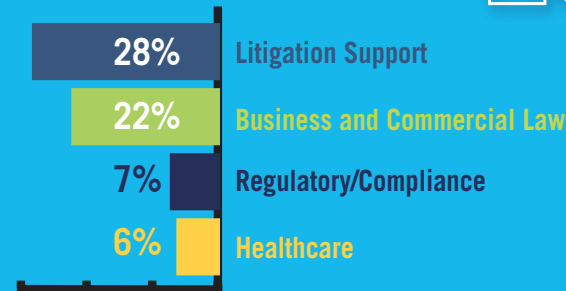
Job Growth by 2026\*

**10%** Lawyers

**15%** Other Legal Professionals

Legal professionals with experience in high growth practice areas get multiple job offers and competitive salaries.\*\*

Where The Jobs Are



**67%**

of lawyers say that it is challenging for their law firms to find skilled legal professionals

## HOT POSITIONS!



Commercial Litigation Paralegal  
Litigation Support/eDiscovery Manager  
Insurance Defense Paralegal  
Litigation Legal Secretary  
Legal Nurse Consultants can make **\$200** per hour



## CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS



Paralegal Certificate Course



**90 hours**



**Online**



**\$1,595**

+ Books & Westlaw

Advanced Paralegal Certificate



**270 hours**



**Online**



**\$2,400**

+ Books & Westlaw

## Other Specialty Topics We Teach



Legal Nurse Consultant  
Employment Law  
Advanced Legal Research and Writing  
Victim Advocacy  
Software Essentials for the Law Office  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Intellectual Property Law for Engineers  
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