

## ABOUT A DEGREE IN MANAGEMENT – BUSINESS LAW

Students majoring in Management with a specialization in Business Law often are preparing to go to law school. Business Law students acquire a solid background in the legal aspects of running a business. These individuals will assist companies by advising them when legal questions arise, writing contracts and other documents, and ensuring hiring and firing decisions are made that abide by employment law.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Arbitrator	International Trade Specialist	Labor Relations Specialist
Law Clerks	Legal Research	Legal Writing
Federal Courts	State & Local Courts	Legal Assistant
Corporate Counsel	Legal Consultant	Educator

## RELATED SKILLS

Communication	Organization	Leader
Decision Making	Interpersonal	Project Management
Problem Solving	Human Relations	Analytical
Persuasive	Oratory	

## HIRING INSTITUTIONS

Corporations	Non-profit Organizations	Retailers
Government Agencies	Banking Institutions	Manufacturing
Financial Services	Pharmaceutical Firms	Energy Providers
Hospitals	Consulting Firms	Service Firms
Colleges/Universities	Media Companies	

## JOB OUTLOOK

Employment of administrative services managers is projected to grow 13 percent over the 2008-18 decade, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Applicants will face keen competition for the best jobs because of the number of new graduates from law school. Job growth among lawyers also will result from increasing demand for legal services in such areas as healthcare, intellectual property, bankruptcy, corporate and security litigation, antitrust law, and environmental law. In addition, the wider availability and affordability of legal clinics should result in increased use of legal services by middle-income people. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

## WORK ENVIRONMENT

Lawyers do most of their work in offices, law libraries, and courtrooms. They sometimes meet in clients' homes or places of business and, when necessary, in hospitals or prisons. They may travel to attend meetings, gather evidence, and appear before courts, legislative bodies, and other authorities. They also may face particularly heavy pressure when a case is being tried. Preparation for court includes understanding the latest laws and judicial decisions. Salaried lawyers usually have structured work schedules. Lawyers who are in private practice or those who work for large firms may work irregular hours, including weekends, while conducting research, conferring with clients, or preparing briefs during non-office hours. Lawyers often work long hours; of those who work full time, about 33 percent work 50 or more hours per week. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)