



### Job Situation

Law offices, libraries. Computer work station. Reference books and files. Teamwork and work alone. Report to law Partners and Office Manager. Regular hours.

### Weekly Hours of Work

40

### Overtime

### Monthly Salary

\$3,800

### Student Loan – Owing

\$30,000

### Student Loan – Monthly Payment

\$430

### Duties

Research. Develop briefing documents. Maintain records and files. Consult with lawyers and clients.

### Prospects

Law partner. Consultant.

### Job Title

Lawyer

### National Occupational Classification (NOC)

4112

### Job Description

Most of the lawyers work at paperwork and filing in a large room where the law partners have merged their law libraries. As a researcher, you often leave the office to spend your days at the university law library, which is much larger and more current than the one at the office. Sometimes you sit in on meetings in the big board room when the law partners discuss the development of a case that you are working on.

One of the partners has a client in the recycling industry who has imported recyclable plastics from a nearby town that happens to be across a border. He isn't getting enough supply locally to keep his machinery profitably busy. There is a policy against waste importation to prevent waste management companies from shipping real garbage across borders for disposal. The client has forced the issue so that he can argue his point in court, once and for all, and get on with his business.

In order to win the client's point, the lawyer must clearly establish the difference between genuine recyclables, which are not garbage, and waste. If the court can see any loopholes in the argument that would allow the true intention of the policy to be subverted by unscrupulous waste traders, it will not consider an exception. Besides, a case like this has such far-reaching implications that a positive decision for the client will almost certainly be challenged by government, or even an environmental group.

Your mission is to find out everything that was ever said, used as evidence, or decided in a court of law dealing with similar cases. This is fascinating work for someone who likes to know the details and put them into a bigger picture. You would still rather be the lawyer in charge, carefully constructing your argument so that it is as logical, flawless. That's nice work if you can get it, but meanwhile your knowledge and experience grows daily, and you have high hopes for your future.