



*A lawyer is someone who provides advice, writes legal documents and represents different parties in a legal negotiation or in court room proceedings.*

*Lawyers can specialize as a Solicitor, Barrister or Judge depending upon the work they want to do.*

### **Some of the things you might do as a Lawyer include:**

- provide legal advice to clients
- help clients buy property or businesses
- defend someone in court
- research and write legal agreements or other documents
- help someone gain compensation when they are injured

### **Careers you may also look at include:**

#### **Solicitor**

A solicitor specializes in areas of law that might include property (for instance when people buy or sell their home), business (for instance if someone wants to buy or sell a business) and/or criminal law (representing someone accused of breaking

#### **Barrister**

Barristers work in more complex areas of law and often have solicitors who advise them. They may research and present on special legal matters or represent clients in court when the case is a complex one.

#### **Judge**

After several years of experience, some lawyers become judges. As a judge they are in charge of legal cases in a court.

### **Education & Training**

Careers in this area usually require you to complete a University degree in law. To get into these courses you usually need to pass secondary school.

### **Further Information:**

Law Institute of Victoria [www.liv.asn.au](http://www.liv.asn.au)

Victoria Legal Aid [www.legalaid.vic.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.vic.gov.au)

The Law Society of Western Australia [www.lawsocietywa.asn.au](http://www.lawsocietywa.asn.au)

The Law Society of Northern Territory [www.lawsocnt.asn.au](http://www.lawsocnt.asn.au)

The Law Society of Tasmania [www.taslawsociety.asn.au](http://www.taslawsociety.asn.au)