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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

A lawyer (advocate) is a legal professional who represents clients in court, gives legal advice, drafts contracts and documents, and helps deliver justice. With experience one can also become a judge.

2 At a glance

Min. qualification	5-year BA-LLB after Class 12, or 3-year LLB after graduation; then Bar enrolment & AIBE
Work mode	Courts, office and fieldwork; often self-employed
Demand (2026)	Steady and strong—corporate, judiciary and litigation
Top earning	Senior advocates/partners can earn several crore a year

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Interest in justice, rights and social reform
- Reading, analysing and problem-solving
- Enjoying debate, argument and public speaking

ABILITIES

- Logical and critical thinking
- Good memory and attention to detail
- Strong language and writing ability (Hindi and English)

KEY SKILLS

- Legal research and reading case law
- Drafting documents and contracts
- Effective argument and courtroom advocacy
- Negotiation and mediation skills

- Client communication and ethics
- Time management and working under pressure
- Clear writing in English and Hindi

4 How to get there

- 1 Pass Class 12 (any stream—arts/commerce/science) with good marks.
- 2 Take CLAT, AILET or a state law entrance and join a 5-year integrated BA-LLB.
- 3 Alternative: finish any bachelor's degree first, then join a 3-year LLB.
- 4 After LLB, enrol as an advocate with the State Bar Council.
- 5 Clear the All India Bar Examination (AIBE) to get the Certificate of Practice (CoP).
- 6 Start practising, or take a judicial-service exam like RJS to become a judge.

MAIN EXAMS

- CLAT (Common Law Admission Test)—for admission to NLUs
- AILET—separate entrance for NLU Delhi
- LSAT-India and various state law entrance exams
- AIBE—mandatory bar exam to practise law
- RJS (Rajasthan Judicial Service)—to become a judge

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- National Law University (NLU) Jodhpur — Jodhpur (<https://www.nlujodhpur.ac.in/>)
- University Law College, University of Rajasthan — Jaipur
- National Law School of India University (NLSIU) — Bengaluru (<https://www.nls.ac.in/>)
- National Law University (NLU) Delhi — New Delhi (<https://nludelhi.ac.in/>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Jindal Global Law School — Sonapat, Haryana (<https://jgu.edu.in/jgls/>)
- Symbiosis Law School — Pune (<https://www.symlaw.ac.in/>)

FEES

BA-LLB fees at NLUs are roughly ₹1.5–2.7 lakh per year; at state universities (e.g., University of Rajasthan) far less—a few thousand up to about ₹20,000–50,000 per year; private institutes can be ₹3–8 lakh per year.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)
- NLU Jodhpur need-based scholarships (<https://www.nlujodhpur.ac.in/>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

District and High Courts, Supreme Court, advocates' chambers, law firms, company legal departments, government offices and NGOs.

WORK CULTURE

Long hours and modest early income are common; hard work, patience and constant study are essential. Reputation and income both grow with experience.

WHO HIRES

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| • Independent practice / own chamber (in the courts) | • Law firms (corporate, litigation, IP, etc.) |
| • In-house legal departments of companies | • The judiciary (judges and judicial officers) |
| • Government and PSUs (public prosecutors, legal officers) | • NGOs and legal-aid organisations |

DEMAND (2026)

Demand for lawyers in India is steady and growing—corporate law, compliance, judiciary and litigation offer continuous opportunities; skilled and specialised lawyers are especially sought after.

7 Career growth

- 1 Litigation: junior advocate → advocate → senior advocate / firm partner
- 2 Judiciary: civil judge (RJS) → senior civil judge → district & sessions judge → High Court judge

EARNINGS

Starting	₹15,000–40,000/माह (जूनियर वकालत)
Mid level	₹60,000–1.5 लाख/माह
Senior level	₹5 लाख+/माह से करोड़ों/वर्ष

Earnings depend heavily on experience, city and specialisation; in judicial service (RJS civil judge) the starting basic pay is about ₹77,840 (7th Pay Commission)—stable and respected.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Respect in society and the satisfaction of delivering justice
- No upper limit on income and freedom of self-employment
- Diverse fields—corporate, criminal, judiciary, policy and more

The challenges

- Low income and struggle in the early years
- Long hours and constant study and preparation
- High competition and mental pressure

9 Real-life journeys

Aishwarya Bhati

Additional Solicitor General and youngest woman Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court (Jodhpur)

From a modest family in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, Aishwarya Bhati first wanted to be a pilot. After failing that exam she chose law. Despite marrying and becoming a mother young, she built her name in the Supreme Court over 24 years and became India's youngest woman Senior Advocate, later an Additional Solicitor General.

SCC Online · <https://www.sconline.com/blog/post/2022/02/24/in-conversation-with-aishwarya-bhati-on-her-experience-as-youngest-women-senior-advocate-designated-by-supreme-court-of-india/>

Ram Jethmalani

One of India's most famous lawyers and former Union Law Minister

Arriving in Mumbai as a Partition refugee, Ram Jethmalani rebuilt his career from scratch. Through hard work and brilliant advocacy he became one of India's best-known criminal lawyers and even Union Law Minister—proof that one can rise to the top from humble beginnings.

Bar & Bench · <https://www.barandbench.com/columns/ram-jethmalani-early-beginnings-the-emergency-and-the-goal-that-was-never-achieved>

Rajani Yadav

Selected in the Rajasthan Judicial Service (RJS)—future civil judge (Kotputli)

A B.Com graduate from a teaching family in Kotputli, Rajani Yadav dreamed of becoming a judge despite family resistance. Convincing her father and preparing hard, she cleared the RJS 2022 exam—an inspiring example of reaching the judiciary from a modest background.

The Print · <https://theprint.in/feature/eight-out-of-10-rajasthan-judicial-exam-toppers-were-women-get-ready-for-army-of-female-judges/1170906/>

10 Sources & further reading

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2. All India Bar Examination (AIBE) — <https://www.allindiabarexamination.com/>
3. National Law University Jodhpur — <https://www.nlujodhpur.ac.in/>
4. Rajasthan High Court (RJS recruitment) — <https://hcraj.nic.in/>

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