

# Legal Studies



## Career Pathways

### Humanities and Social Sciences

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#### Overview:

Working under the supervision of an attorney, paralegals are vital members of the legal team, performing such functions as legal research and writing, gathering information electronically, investigating cases, interviewing witnesses, drafting pleadings, managing trial preparation and litigation support, drafting contracts and real estate documents, managing estates and guardianships, and preparing intellectual property applications and bankruptcy schedules.

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#### Acquired Skills MOST Valued by Employers:

- Compose Documents Based on Factual Investigation, Legal Research, and Analysis
  - Apply Legal Terminology, Principles of Law, and Rules of Ethical Legal Practice
  - Utilize Research Skills
  - Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
  - Oral/Written Communications
  - Teamwork/Collaboration
  - Digital Technology
  - Leadership
  - Professionalism/Work Ethic
  - Career Management
  - Global/Intercultural Fluency
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#### Common Pathways:

- Contracts
- Legislative Compliance
- Tax Law
- Sports Law
- Child/Family Law
- Criminal Law
- Employment Law
- Legal Aid
- Public Defense
- Litigation
- Regulatory
- Judicial Clerkships
- Lobbying

*Please note that some of these pathways require an advanced post bachelor's degree*

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#### Common Industries:

- Business
  - Finance
  - Federal Government
  - State and Local Government
  - Education
  - Law Firms
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#### Sample of Employers of Stevenson University students:

- Dulany Leahy & Curtis, LLP
- Baltimore County Government
- Meyers, Rodbell, & Rosenbaum, P.A.
- Covahey, Boozer, Devan & Dore, P.A.\*
- Ethridge, Quinn, Kemp, McAuliffe, Rowan & Hartinger
- Freeman, Wolfe & Greenbaum, P.A.
- Law Office of Jonathan Ackerman
- Maverick Funding
- Morris/Hardwick/Schneider Landcastle Title
- Schochor, Federico, & Staton
- Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP
- Bell, Ragland, Gauges & Paltell
- LeViness, Tolzman & Hamilton
- Ezrine, Castro & Stavisky P.A.

### Internship Sites for Stevenson Students:

- Abraham & Bauer, L.L.C.
- Baltimore City Public Defender's Office
- Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office
- Bodie, Dolina, Smith & Hobbs, P.C.
- Brian K. Gruber, PC
- Carroll County States Attorney's Office
- Community Legal Aid Society (Wilmington, DE)
- Cromwell Unglesbee P.C.
- Delaware Department of Transportation
- Howanski, Meadows & Erdman, LLC
- HRAC
- Jack R. Cooper, Attorney at Law
- Law Office of Bradley MacFee
- Law Office of Debra Thomas
- Law Office of Jack Sturgill
- Law Office of Kent Greenberg
- Law Office of Raymond O Griffith
- Law Office of Michael A. Freedman
- Law Office of Pam Chaney
- Law Offices of Maria K. Caruso
- Law Offices of Sally B. Gold
- Legal Aid Bureau, Housing/Consumer Law Unit – Baltimore City
- MacVaugh & LeCompte
- Maryland Volunteer Legal Services
- Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office
- Pro Se Project
- State of Maryland - Office of the Public Defender
- Summerfield, Willen, Silverberg & Linsky, P.A
- The Law Offices of Steven H. Heisler, LLC
- Under Armour, Inc.
- United States Attorney, District of Maryland
- US Attorney's Office, Baltimore City
- Weltcheck, Mallhan & Weltcheck

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### Graduate Schools Attended by Stevenson Alumni:

- University of Baltimore School of Law
- Drexel University
- University of Maryland School of Law
- William and Mary School of Law
- Stevenson University
- University of Virginia School of Law
- Florida Coastal School of Law
- New York Law School
- George Washington University
- Widener University School of Law

### An Employer's Perspective:

Employment opportunities for paralegals are expected to grow faster than the national average, with an approximate growth rate of 18%. As organizations seek to cut costs and improve efficiency, paralegals are increasingly given responsibilities once managed by lawyers. The growing population and an increase in demand for legal services have also increased the demand for paralegals. However, it has become an increasingly popular occupation and competition for positions will continue to increase. Candidates with strong computer, database management, and writing skills are in demand.

### Salaries:

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median pay for paralegals and legal assistants nationwide was \$46,990. However, salaries are dependent upon the industry, level of position, and geographical region. A few good resources for researching salaries of specific jobs within various industries are [www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com) and [www.payscale.com](http://www.payscale.com).

