

# Job Searching in Atlanta

**First**, you should join a bar association in Georgia to obtain access to community information and events. You will find a wealth of information and networking opportunities. Some bar associations hold professional development programming and social events, offer mentoring programs, and provide job search assistance. Join! It is a great way to get involved and meet attorneys in the local legal community.

## **Selected Bar Associations:**

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| State Bar of Georgia                    | <a href="http://www.gabar.org">www.gabar.org</a>           |
| Atlanta Bar Association                 | <a href="http://www.atlantabar.org">www.atlantabar.org</a> |
| Georgia Trial Lawyers Association       | <a href="http://www.gtla.org">www.gtla.org</a>             |
| Georgia Assoc. of Black Women Attorneys | <a href="http://www.gabwa.org">www.gabwa.org</a>           |

**Second**, between December and July, we can get you **Reciprocity** with a participating law school in Georgia to visit their career services office and look at their job postings. To find out the reciprocity policy of a particular law school, visit: [www.nalp.org](http://www.nalp.org) (click on "Resource Center" and "Toolkit for Career Services"). Reciprocity is usually available for only 3 months. If you are planning to study for the bar in Georgia, let the CDO know and we can initiate a reciprocity request for you.

**Third**, visit the **Intercollegiate Job Bank**, an online database maintained by Brigham Young University Law School. The Intercollegiate Job Bank contains job postings from a large number of law schools throughout the country, including three law schools in Georgia. The site is updated monthly. To access the site, visit the CDO website at: [www.law.miami/cdo](http://www.law.miami/cdo) (click on "Current Students" and "Online Job Posting Database"). The site is password protected. Please contact the CDO for the username and password.

**Fourth**, job postings are listed on various websites including city, county, and state official web pages.

## **Selected Websites:**

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| <a href="http://www.georgia.gov">www.georgia.gov</a>                             | <a href="http://www.georgiacourts.org">www.georgiacourts.org</a>                               |
| <a href="http://www.atlantaga.gov">www.atlantaga.gov</a>                         | <a href="http://thejobsite.org">http://thejobsite.org</a>                                      |
| <a href="http://www.atlanta.about.com">www.atlanta.about.com</a>                 | <a href="http://law.ga.gov">http://law.ga.gov</a>  |
| <a href="http://www.atlantabar.legalstaff.com">www.atlantabar.legalstaff.com</a> | <a href="http://www.gpdsc.com/aboutus-employment.htm">www.gpdsc.com/aboutus-employment.htm</a> |

**Fifth**, local newspapers contain job ads and can give you a feel for the current business environment.

## **Selected Newspapers:**

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| Atlanta Journal-Constitution | <a href="http://www.ajc.com">www.ajc.com</a>   |
| Atlanta Business Chronicle   | <a href="http://www.bizjournals.com/atlanta">www.bizjournals.com/atlanta</a>         |
| Daily Report                 | <a href="http://www.dailyreportonline.com">www.dailyreportonline.com</a>             |
| Creative Loafing             | <a href="http://www.atlanta.creativeloafing.com">www.atlanta.creativeloafing.com</a> |

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## **Starting Salaries in Georgia\*:**

| <b>Firms of 2-10 Lawyers:</b> | <b>Firms of 11-25 Lawyers:</b> | <b>Firms of 26-50 Lawyers:</b> | <b>Firms of 51-100 Lawyers:</b> | <b>Government Positions:</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Median: \$55,000              | Median: \$63,000               | Median: \$80,000               | Median: \$87,500                | Median: \$48,000             |
| Mean: \$60,829                | Mean: \$72,787                 | Mean: \$86,605                 | Mean: \$102,045                 | Mean: \$47,828               |

*\*Jobs & JD's Employment and Salaries of New Law Graduates, Class of 2007 (2008 NALP)*

## **Number of Firms in Atlanta\*\*:**

348 Firms with 2-9 Lawyers  
90 Firms with 10-24 Lawyers  
17 Firms with 25-49 Lawyers  
23 Firms with 50-99 Lawyers

\*\* *Martindale.com*