

Job Searching in Houston

First, you should join a bar association in Texas 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:

State Bar of Texas	www.texasbar.com
Houston Bar Association	www.hba.com
Assoc. of Women Attorneys	www.awahouston.com
Hispanic Bar Assoc. of Houston	www.hispahouston.com

Second, between December and July, we can get you **Reciprocity** with a participating law school in Texas 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 (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 Texas, 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 eight law schools in Texas. The site is updated monthly. To access the site, visit the CDO website at: 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:

www.houstontx.gov
www.houstonjobs.com
www.houston-job-search.com
<http://legal.careers.com/Texas-Houston.htm>

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

Selected Newspapers:

Houston Chronicle	www.chron.com
Houston Business Journal	www.bizjournals.com/houston
Houston Press	www.houstonpress.com
Houston Herald	www.houstonherald.com
Texas Lawyer	www.texaslawyer.com

Starting Salaries in Texas*:

Firms of 2-10 Lawyers: Median: \$60,000 Mean: \$63,097	Firms of 11-25 Lawyers: Median: \$75,000 Mean: \$80,028	Firms of 26-50 Lawyers: Median: \$85,000 Mean: \$95,964	Firms of 51-100 Lawyers: Median: \$121,000 Mean: \$115,947	Government Positions: Median: \$51,000 Mean: \$51,305
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Number of Firms in Houston**:

331 Firms with 2-9 Lawyers
90 Firms with 10-24 Lawyers
41 Firms with 25-49 Lawyers
17 Firms with 50-99 Lawyers

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