
USA: Legal professions

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Purpose

- Difference between an attorney and paralegal



Outline

- Attorney:

- Education

- Functions

- Paralegal:

- Education

- Functions

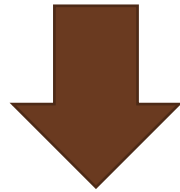
Resources

- <https://datausa.io/profile/soc/paralegals-legal-assistants#education>
- <https://www.americanbar.org/>
- <https://www.criminaljusticedegreeschools.com/careers/paralegal/>
- <http://www.hg.org/article.asp?id=31786>
- <https://www.thebalance.com/paralegal-career-profile-2164298>

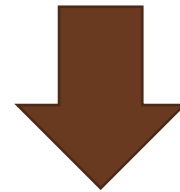
Attorney is a lawyer, who
advises or represents
others in legal matters

Attorney education

Four year bachelor's
degree



Law school



Bar exam



Attorney's functions

- **represents clients**
- **gives legal advice**
- **performs any activity associated with the practice of law**



**Paralegal is a legal
assistant**

Paralegal education

No formal paralegal training



Paralegal's functions

- **investigates the facts of a case**
- **interviews clients and witnesses**
- **organizes and manages important files and documents**
- **assists attorneys in the delivery of legal services**



Difference between an attorney and a paralegal



- 1. Attorneys complete law school authorized by the ABA**
- 2. Attorneys can represent clients in court and give legal advice.**