

# Environmental Lawyer



## Overview

If you have a passion for the environment and a strong sense of justice, then an Environmental Lawyer is the career for you! As an Environmental Lawyer, you may work on environmental disputes between parties, criminal cases, or perhaps in negotiating contracts and land claims for renewable energy developments.



## Roles and Responsibilities

You are responsible for upholding and protecting the environmental laws of the country. This can mean representing an NGO (non-governmental organization), working independently with individuals and groups impacted by pollution, being part of a larger legal-firm, or working for the government. Environmental legislation in Canada is complex, and varies from province to province, so staying up-to-date on your particular area of expertise will be key. As stricter laws are passed, corporations and private businesses will also need legal expertise to ensure that they comply with the latest environmental regulations. Sometimes you will be called upon to help develop new policies.

**Skills:** Problem Solver Public Speaker, Critical Thinker, Organizer, Researcher, Negotiator, Report Writer

**Personal Interests:** Policy, Writing, Reading, Regulation, Business, Government, Development, Activism, Nature, Environment Law Enforcement

**Salary:** \$60,000-\$150,000+

**Work Environment:** Private Firm, Consultant, Office Boardroom, Witness Questioning, Courtroom

**Education and Experience:** Graduate law degree (called a J.D., or juris doctorate) LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) Political Science, Legal Studies, Law, Environmental Studies, Social Studies, Resource Management