

# CAREERS IN LAW



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**So.....Who Are You?**



# Reality Check

- Start thinking about your career goals
- Understanding the law will help you succeed
- You don't have to be a lawyer to work in the legal field



# Deciding What to Do After High School



# Understanding the Law Can Help You Succeed



# How do I learn the law?

- ⦿ High School Law Class
- ⦿ College/University Programs
- ⦿ Self-Study
  - Provincial <<http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca>>
  - Federal <<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca>>
  - Cases <<http://canlii.org>>



# Why Go To Law School?

Law School Graduates:

- ⦿ Jerry Springer, Harvey Levin (entertainers)
- ⦿ John Grisham (author)
- ⦿ Andrea Bocelli (musician)
- ⦿ Barak Obama, Nelson Mandela, Mahatma Gandhi, Fidel Castro (politicians)
- ⦿ Brian Burke (GM of the Toronto Maple Leafs)



# Law School



# Law School: Entrance Requirements

- (Usually) an Undergraduate Degree...in anything!
- Law School Admissions Test (LSAT)



# The LSAT

- ⦿ Test format
- ⦿ What it measures
  - Reading Comprehension
  - Analytical Reasoning
  - Logical Reasoning
- ⦿ Repeating the test



# Getting into Law School

- ① Undergraduate marks
- ① LSAT score
- ① Curricular and extracurricular activities
- ① Letters of recommendation
- ① Personal statement or writing sample
- ① Work and volunteer experience
- ① Reasons for studying law



# Becoming a Lawyer

- ⦿ Law School
- ⦿ Bar Exams
- ⦿ Articling Period
- ⦿ Good Character Requirement
- ⦿ Continued Professional Development



# Criminal Law

Prosecuting or defending people who are accused of committing a crime



# Corporate and Commercial Law

Drafting contracts or fighting about their proper interpretation in court



# Personal Injury and Insurance Defence Law

Protecting the rights of bears that slip and fall, or representing their insurance companies



# Labour and Employment Law

Resolving labour disputes



# Family Law

Helping people with their marriage contracts, divorce proceedings, custody, and everything in between



# Wills and Estate Law

Drafting wills and settling estates



# Real Estate Law

## Closing property deals



# Intellectual Property Law

Patents, trademark and copyright



# Tax Law

Finding innovative ways to save your clients money



# Immigration Law

Assisting new immigrants through a difficult transition



# Human Rights Law

Ensuring that government and business abide by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Human Rights Code of Ontario



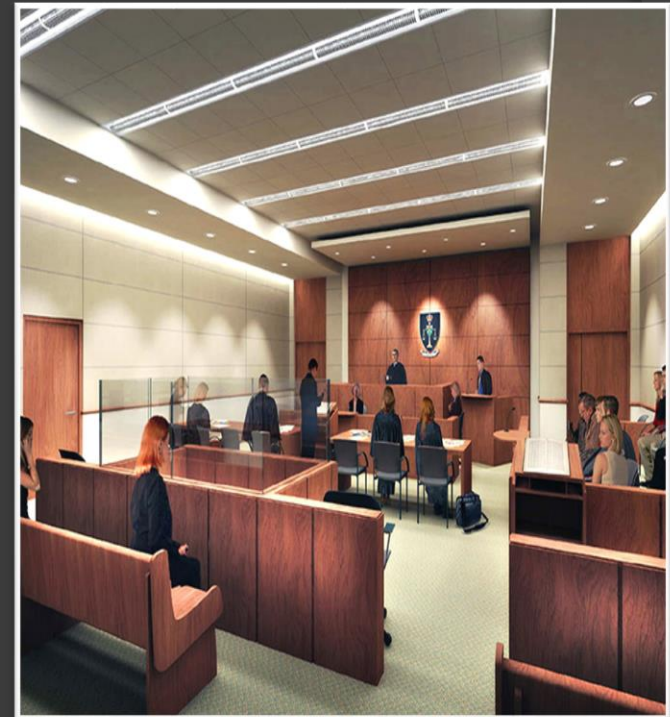
# International Law

Could contend with international trade disputes, cross border jurisdictional issues, or crimes against humanity



# Other Courtroom Jobs

- ⦿ Trial Co-ordinator
- ⦿ Clerk/Registrar
- ⦿ Court Services Officer
- ⦿ Court Reporter
- ⦿ Special Constable
- ⦿ Court Support Worker



# Other Jobs in Justice Sector

- Police Officer
- Paralegal
- Process Server
- Security Officer
- Law Professor
- Mediator/Arbitrator



# Questions?

