Lawyers

Low Risk

Minimal Risk   Imminent Risk

29%

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AUTOMATION RISK

CALCULATED	POLLING
23%	**34%**
(Low Risk)	(Low Risk)

Average: 29%

LABOR DEMAND

GROWTH
5.2%
by year 2033

WAGES
$145,760
or $70.07 per hour

Volume
731,340
as of 2023

SUMMARY

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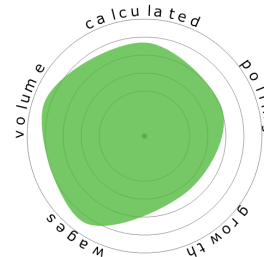
JOB SCORE
⭐ 7.7/10 ⑦

Calculated automation risk

23% (Low Risk)

Low Risk (21-40%): Jobs in this level have a limited risk of automation, as they demand a mix of technical and human-centric skills.

More information on what this score is, and how it is calculated is available here.

Some very important qualities of the job are difficult to automate:

- Negotiation
- Persuasion

Some quite important qualities of the job are difficult to automate:

- Social Perceptiveness
- Originality

User poll

34% chance of full automation within the next two decades

Our visitors have voted there's a low chance this occupation will be automated. This assessment is further supported by the calculated automation risk level, which estimates 23% chance of automation.

What do you think the risk of automation is?

What is the likelihood that **Lawyers** will be replaced by robots or artificial intelligence **within the next 20 years**?
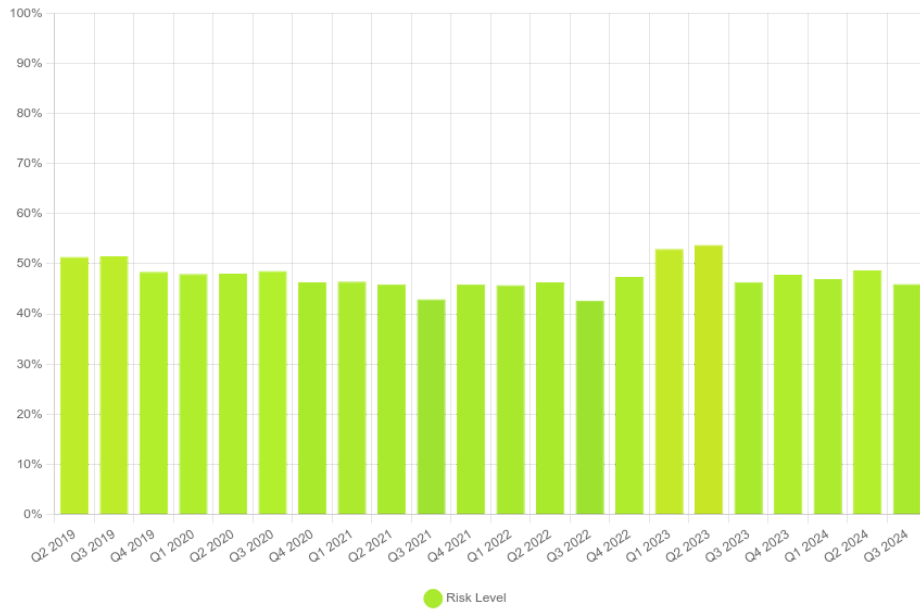
- ○ Highly likely
- ○ Moderate
- ○ Uncertain
- ○ Low
- ○ No chance

Submit vote

Sentiment

The following graph is included wherever there is a substantial amount of votes to render

Sentiment over time (quarterly)
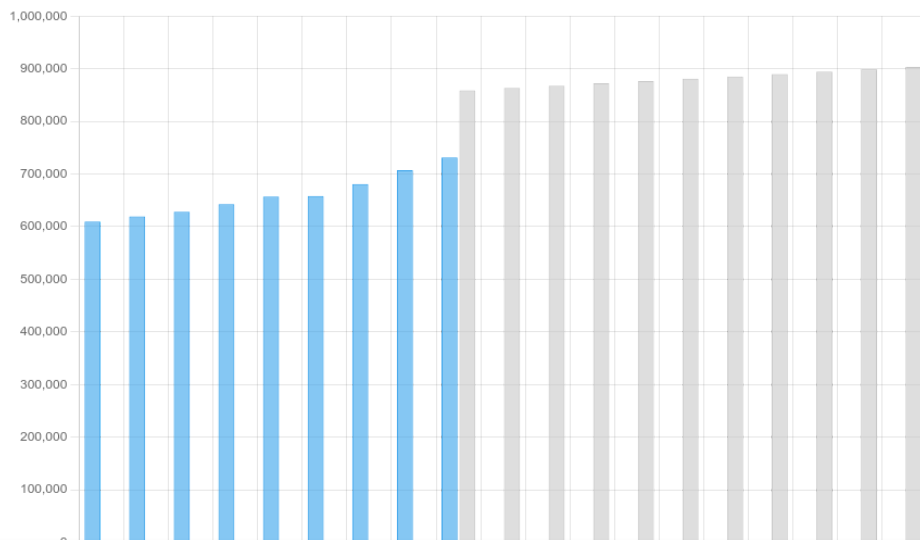

Risk Level

Growth

Fast growth relative to other professions

The number of 'Lawyers' job openings is expected to **rise 5.2%** by 2033

Total employment, and estimated job openings

Wages

> **Very high paid** relative to other professions

In 2023, the median annual wage for 'Lawyers' was $145,760, or $70 per hour

'Lawyers' were paid 203.3% higher than the national median wage, which stood at $48,060

Wages over time

Legend: Median Annual Wage for Occupation — National Median Annual Wage
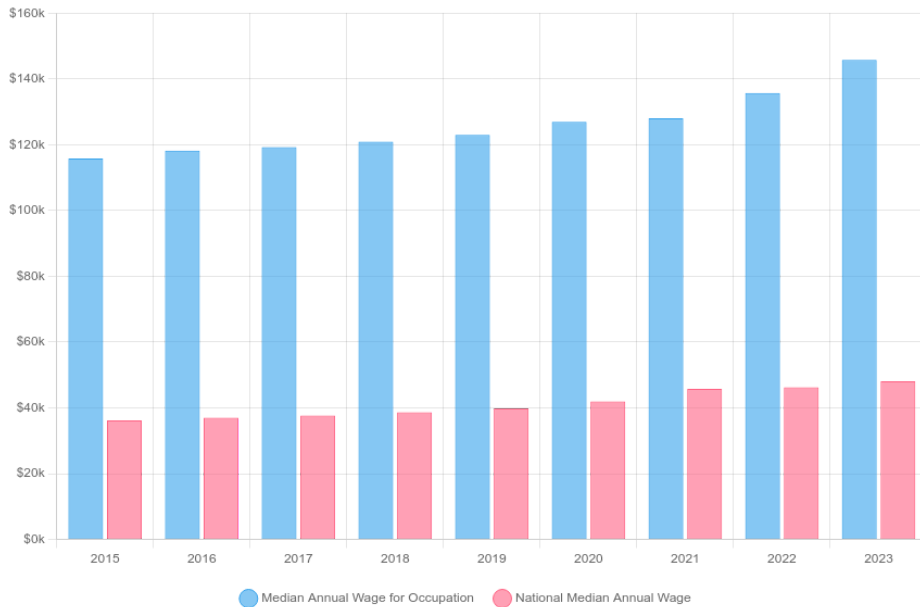
Volume

> **Significantly greater** range of job opportunities compared to other professions

As of 2023 there were 731,340 people employed as 'Lawyers' within the United States.

This represents around 0.48% of the employed workforce across the country

Put another way, around 1 in 207 people are employed as 'Lawyers'.

documents, or manage or advise clients on legal transactions. May specialize in a single area or may practice broadly in many areas of law.

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Comments

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MATHEUS COSTA DE ARAUJO (No chance) 12 days ago
There are numerous issues involved in being a lawyer. Knowing the law is one of them, but interpreting the law is another. Few people would trust robots to handle such important cases in their lives. Another thing that happens frequently is settlements. Robots don't have feelings, meaning that if a settlement seems advantageous from a rational point of view, the robot would suggest it's a good deal. However, emotionally, it might be a terrible agreement. I believe my explanation might have been a bit confusing, but I hope you understood.

👍 2 👎 0 **Reply**

Ronald J 1 month ago
There is no way an A.I. can take over the law!!!!! How scary

👍 3 👎 0 **Reply**

Matt F (No chance) 1 month ago
No automation can accurately interpret the law without creating it's own legislation based on the parameters of existing legislation

👍 3 👎 0 **Reply**

علي يحيى 1 month ago
I don't believe that artificial intelligence can replace the legal profession, even to a small extent, because it is a human-centered profession.

👍 3 👎 0 **Reply**

Dariuosh (Highly likely) 2 months ago
Given that artificial intelligence has been used in some countries to advocate in divorce cases, it is expected that this profession will disappear in the next 20 years

👍 0 👎 8 **Reply**

> **Noah** 2 months ago
> i do NOT want an ai arguing for me in a court
>
> 👍 6 👎 0 **Reply**

Sean (Highly likely) 3 months ago
It's already happening. I'm an intern at a BigLaw company and all of our procedural and contractual people are already using AI and kinda concerned about it. The only part that won't be automated is litigation, but most cases are settled out of court so...

👍 1 👎 10 **Reply**

Marty (No chance) 4 months ago
Not only does AI struggle to instantiate legal reasoning in reality, but on principle, it is a terrible idea to offload interpretation and reasoning to computers when it is about abstract concepts that govern the practical lives of human beings.

Mannara (Highly likely) 4 months ago
If the rules become easily categorized also connected, and we can simplify the situations, and the goal is not to find verity and justice, but just simply "rights" and economic goals, we can cut out the people to judge and AI can do it.

👍 1 👎 5 **Reply**

> **Marty** 4 months ago
> Nah, we don't want computers interpreting and arguing laws that govern human beings. Never. They can help with the tedium though.
>
> 👍 6 👎 2 **Reply**

Meriem Makri (No chance) 4 months ago
New regulations are introduced daily, so the machines need to be updated regularly. Justice is not a field that can be easily automated because the profile of each individual seeking justice varies greatly, as do the ways in which the law is applied (such as mitigating circumstances, etc.).

👍 8 👎 1 **Reply**

Person (Moderate) 4 months ago
when analising details it can easily make a story, who cares how it is phrased if everyone agrees it makes sense

👍 0 👎 3 **Reply**

John (No chance) 4 months ago
It requires nuanced opinion-formation and decision-making skills that cannot be replicated by a program. Not to mention, depending on the field, it may involve gut instinct and other talents which only humans have.

👍 6 👎 1 **Reply**

Jude Jordan 5 months ago
Lawyers will not be replaced by AI for a while because, regardless of how capable AI actually is in technical, ethical, and reasoning aspects, the people who will write into law and decide whether or not AI should be able to serve as lawyers, are themselves lawyers. The giant law industry as it is, will never allow for AI to legally serve as lawyers in the foreseeable future.

👍 11 👎 1 **Reply**

Bigmonkey123 (Low) 5 months ago
I think the puplic won't really want a robot defending them

👍 9 👎 1 **Reply**

> **J** 5 months ago
> I worked in the job, and robots are nicer than many humans. And even professional receptionists.
>
> They'll do less errors, and don't require sleep. No more receptionist that is away. Longer opening hours.
>
> Why do you say robots have no empathy, you fillthy racist? They have it. Robots would probably beat you up.
>
> 👍 1 👎 16 **Reply**
>
> > **'fillthy' racist, apparently** 5 months ago
> > Robots have programmed empathy. They don't actually feel it, because it is a

and just flings the word around however would know what empathy is...
And besides, you never even addressed what they said. They didn't even bring up empathy, as their point was about people not wanting a robot to defend them. You've brought up a completely nonsensical rebuttal to an argument that doesn't exist.

👍 9 👎 1 **Reply**

jim jim (Moderate) 5 months ago
AI will know and understand the law better than any human could.

👍 5 👎 12 **Reply**

J (No chance) 6 months ago
Being a lawyer requires understanding emotion, being able to improvise, and thinking out of the box.

These are the tasks that robots won't be able to fulfill for at least a decade from now.

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👍 5 👎 0 **Reply**

AIPredictor (Low) 6 months ago
It is a low chance that a lawyer's job would be replaced by robots because of the fact that AI lacks the fundamental arguing skills and the "human" perspective into the side of things. An example of this would be if a lawyer is defending a client by saying the statement, "What would you do in this situation" and working your way up to it was the best decision they could have made. Also the robot lawyers would have to base their arguments off of data, which would mean their own lawyer would turn against them if having more proof for the other side

👍 6 👎 1 **Reply**

ez (Low) 6 months ago
this job requires skills like persuasion, originality, social perceptiveness, and more, which make it hard to automate.

👍 6 👎 0 **Reply**

Daddy Dirtbag (No chance) 6 months ago
Robots would be way less convincing

👍 6 👎 0 **Reply**

James (Low) 6 months ago
Lawyers are one of few occupations that require persuasivness to be good at your job. An AI cannot immitate human persuasivness unless it is made to be socially and mentally aware. This is a very unlikely scenario as it would come with big risk factors.

👍 4 👎 1 **Reply**

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