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Legal Research Writing

If you enjoy research—digging for the proof, or finding the hidden facts—and if you enjoy writing about it, you are only missing the last corner of the triangle to picking the perfect career. What is that final corner? What is that angle that ties research and writing into the perfect job?

Have you ever aspired to get a better knowledge about the law? Or perhaps you already do have a fairly good grasp of it, and it interests you? If the thought of doing legal research—and then writing about it—appeals to you, becoming a legal research writer may be very appealing indeed.

Lawyers and attorneys need knowledgeable people that are eager to find their way into an intense and very specific career. All [attorney jobs](#) and legal work deal directly with manipulating the law to fulfill their desires. They need research writers to help them juggle all the many aspects of their work.

If you decided to become a legal research writer, you would be in the inner working of the law—researching laws and reporting them to your supervisors via the written word. [Law firm jobs](#) of all kinds need capable researchers, and you can benefit from that need! The career of legal research writing is an important one, but also a rather vague one. Many people don't know it exists as a career option, so there is a high demand for these very specialized research writers.

There are many skills that would be helpful to your success in this particular job, but primary among these skills are—the ability to write efficiently, and clearly.

Your [job](#) is divided into two parts—research and writing. Obviously, you will need to be able to write. Getting your major in English is perhaps a bit extreme, but you will need to have a coherency with words. Your superiors will want precise, and easy to comprehend language. Vocabulary is important in this aspect. Not that you will be using long words that no one even recognizes as real words—completely the opposite. You will need to be able to find and use the perfect word, and use it correctly. Your work will—again—need to be precise. If you have a large, useful vocabulary, you will be better able

to convey your point without overdoing things and confusing your reader. Legal works are confusing enough—be as clear as possible when reporting your research findings. You will also need to understand good writing construction, and have a general grasp of grammar. Again, an English major is not needed, but any knowledge or skills you have in writing will only bless your life in this career.

Research is the prime function you will serve. Thus, you will need to not only know how to research thoroughly, but you will need to have a desire to research. If research and writing—and law, for that matter—hold no interest for you, you would probably do well to find something more suited to your interests. But if these are things of interest to you, this could easily be your dream career.

An especially helpful quality that would serve you well is the in-born trait of curiosity. If you are naturally curious, you will not find research monotonous, because you will be discovering so many different things. The ability to research with tenacity would also be desired—searching until you find exactly what you are looking for, for instance—will make you a more efficient employee, and such efficiency is rewarded. The law is firm, and so finding ways to bend it to a specific will is both challenging, and invigorating. Truly, this specific career has so many aspects that are absolutely perfect for the right person. The guidelines above will help you decide if legal research writing is for you or not.

All [legal jobs](#) are sophisticated arm wrestles—It is a fight; an intense argument. The legal profession is all about who is right, and finding the evidence to prove that claim to correctness by using the same law as their opponent. As a research writer, you would be a large part of this battle—a primary member of the team fighting to win. You would not only research law and write about you findings, but you would



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also analyze the law, and learn how to think like a lawyer, or attorney. You would deal with many legal documents, and be

depended on to be right. If you are looking for a career where you will be needed, look no further.

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