



## LawCrossing Aggressively Posts Legal Jobs Even as Law Firms Get Increasingly Affected by Weak Economy

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Pasadena, CA — LawCrossing, the [legal industry's](#) most reliable job board, now offers more than 140,059 live and active job listings to its users. The [legal job board](#) has not been adversely affected by the slumping job market and has raced ahead of a slew of other legal job boards with its current collection of jobs.

With respect to the current legal scenario, A. Harrison Barnes, Founder and CEO of LawCrossing says, "Law firms are bearing the brunt of the sliding economy and are forced to resort to various stringent measures to cope with the pressures. More and more law firms have been depending on layoffs to avoid their own downfall. This year has been a really tough one for all legal professionals."

The results of the 31st annual survey of the nation's largest law firms showed that they added 4.3% more attorneys this year, compared with 5.6% growth in 2007. At least seven large firms out of the NLJ (National Law Journal) Top 250 law firms that remain in business announced layoffs that together total more than 200 attorneys this year. The fall of two major firms, Heller Ehrman and Thelen, has affected about 1,200 attorneys. In November, there were incessant layoffs in the legal field. White & Case laid off 70 associates and counsel and about 90 staffers, while Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe handed pink slips to about 40 attorneys and 35 staff members. Mayer Brown; Brown Rudnick, and Squire, Sanders & Dempsey each laid off attorneys and staff, prior to Thanksgiving.

Meanwhile, various [law firms](#) have reduced the size of their summer associate programs in light of the weakening economy, and some firms have been strictly evaluating employee performances in order to indirectly cut staff.

"The economy is in a crisis alright. But the flip side to every crisis is another opportunity. LawCrossing offers not one or two, but hundreds of thousands of new [legal opportunities](#)," says Barnes.

The 140,000-plus legal jobs listed on LawCrossing comprise [attorney jobs](#), [law student jobs](#), [paralegal jobs](#), and other legal openings. The current job counts for each of these categories are as follows:

- [Attorney jobs](#) (34,825)
- [In-house jobs](#) (18,986)
- [Law student jobs](#) (12,760)
- [Law student clerkship jobs](#) (6,005)
- [Legal staff jobs](#) (15,062)
- [Post graduate clerkship jobs](#) (1,312)
- [Summer associate/internship jobs](#) (2,719)

"LawCrossing has got hundreds of staff working rigorously to ensure that we have the richest and most reliable selection of current legal jobs in the country. We specialize in finding and posting all available legal jobs, so users can be rest assured that they are never missing a beat with LawCrossing," adds Barnes. In addition to its



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constant efforts to expand the resources and number of jobs on the site, LawCrossing features the hottest [legal news stories](#) and profiles of the industry's key players.

LawCrossing provides instant access to a comprehensive pool of listings based on your particular area of interest. Unlike other job-search and career sites, LawCrossing weeds out spam and jobs outside one's niche, allowing the job seeker to search efficiently and specifically. For more details, log on to [www.lawcrossing.com](http://www.lawcrossing.com).

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