



LawCrossing Adds More Jobs for Paralegals and Legal Support Staff in This Downturn

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Pasadena, CA — Despite daily reports of law firms cutting staff, LawCrossing added over 12,000 legal jobs in the last week, and the site now lists 12,318 jobs for legal staff professionals.

“Paralegals, legal assistants, and legal secretaries play an extremely important role in a law firm, and LawCrossing aims to provide every available job opening for these professionals,” says Harrison Barnes, CEO of LawCrossing.

Legal secretaries and paralegals provide valuable assistance to attorneys preparing for trials, hearings, or contract negotiations. “The concept of legal assistant was born in the late 1960s when law firms and individual practitioners were seeking ways to improve the efficiency and cost effective delivery of legal services,” adds Harrison Barnes.

In the recent times, several law firms have laid off legal support staff in view of the downsizing economy. Dechert LLP, an international law firm, laid off 72 of its 570 staff across 11 US offices. Last month, New York-based White & Case gave pink slips to around 90 legal staff members, while San Francisco-based Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe laid off 35 members of its support staff. Another international law firm Brown Rudnick LLP laid off almost 10% of its global workforce, which included 20 lawyers, three paralegals, and 20 members of support staff.

“These are tough times for paralegals, legal secretaries, assistants, and other legal support staff, but there are thousands of jobs if one knows where to locate them. LawCrossing has hundreds of researchers who do nothing but find every available legal job for these professionals,” says Harrison Barnes, who founded LawCrossing in 2003.

During the dot-com bubble, when thousands of legal professionals were laid off, Harrison Barnes realized that there was an urgent need for a source that provided legal professionals access to hidden jobs too. He conceptualized LawCrossing, a place that provided legal professionals access to each and every legal job on this planet.

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About Harrison Barnes

Andrew Harrison Barnes, Esq., a JD from the University of Virginia Law School, is the CEO and founder of EmploymentScape (previously Juriscape), a research company dedicated to offering career services to a diverse range of professionals. Barnes began EmploymentScape operations by launching BCG Attorney Search in 2000, and continued introducing more career websites to support legal professionals. Barnes launched LawCrossing in July 2003, and the site soon became the world's most comprehensive legal job board.

About LawCrossing

LawCrossing is an affiliate of EmploymentCrossing, a powerful and comprehensive organization dedicated to helping professionals find jobs that will enhance their careers. LawCrossing consolidates every legal job opening it can find in one convenient location. LawCrossing was ranked 72nd on the 2007 Inc. 500 list of the fastest growing companies in the US. The website also offers a seven-day free trial to new members.