



## Graduate Opportunities

Common areas of legal practice include **business and commercial law, environmental law, property law, criminal law, taxation law, corporate law, bankruptcy and insolvency, wills and estates, intellectual property law, anti-discrimination law, and family law.**

In addition to traditional legal practice, there are many legal and quasi-legal roles **in government, not-for-profit organisations, industry and business.** Job roles might include:

- Solicitor
- Barrister
- Company secretary
- Paralegal/Legal assistant
- Trademark attorney

See: [What Can I Do With My Law Degree?](#)

## Accreditation and Specialisation

Completing your Law degree is the first step towards being admitted as a legal practitioner.

### How to Become a Solicitor:

1. Completion of an **approved law degree**
2. Completion of an approved **practical legal training (PLT)** course or a **supervised traineeship**
3. Application for admission to the **Roll of Lawyers**
4. Application for a **practising certificate** – this certificate is required to practise law in Queensland.

### How to Become a Barrister:

The first step is to complete a recognised law degree, followed by practical legal training or a supervised traineeship. Once admitted as a lawyer, you are then required to obtain a barrister's practising certificate in Queensland. This involves sitting the Bar Exams and completing the Bar Practice Course.

## Career Relevant Experiences

It is recommended you actively seek additional law related work opportunities such as **internships, part-time jobs, work experience and volunteering.**

**Vacation programs and internships** are generally offered to students in the penultimate (second) year of their degree, can lead to graduate employment with the organisation.

Also consider applying for a role as a **judge's associate** – applications close a year in advance so [apply early](#).

## Volunteering

Legal volunteer work opportunities are listed on:

- [Court Network](#)
- [Environmental Defender's Office of NQ](#)
- [Cairns Community Legal Centre](#)
- [Townsville Community Law](#)
- [Community Legal Centre Volunteers](#)

## Recommended Skills

**Research skills;** Attention to Detail; **Negotiation;** Confident Oral Communication; **Analytical Skills;** Lateral Thinking and Problem Solving; **Writing**

## Graduate Career Portals

Check out these sites for graduate programmes, graduate jobs, internships and placements:

- [Prospire](#)
- [SEEK Grad](#)
- [Smart Jobs](#)

## JCU Careers Support

The JCU Careers and Employability Team are here to support you during your studies and after you graduate:

- [JCU Careers Website](#)
- [CareerHub \(Book Careers Appointments Here\)](#)