

## The Field is Wide Open for New Attorneys

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An individual interested in becoming a lawyer is presented with a wide range of possibilities as to what type of law to practice. In any career endeavor, people are usually most successful when they work in an area they're passionate about. For those who choose to go into law — whether their desire is to specialize in a certain aspect of the law or to run a multi-area practice — there is an expanding variety of areas to consider.

[Medical malpractice lawyers](#), slip and fall attorneys, wrongful death attorneys and [product liability attorneys](#) all work in what is considered “high visibility” areas due to the number of lawsuits filed and the amount of exposure these suits will sometimes experience. Other areas of law fitting in this category include finance, personal injury and criminal defense. Some attorneys focus on multiple areas of the law. There are also those who become experts in one or two areas. These lawyers realize potential clients value experience. When a lawyer can show a successful track record over an extended period of time, it boosts their credibility and fosters trust on the part of the client.

We've briefly touched on a number of the popular areas in which attorneys practice. Below is a more detailed breakdown of some specialty areas of personal injury law.

**Toxic Mold:** Sometimes called “black mold,” this is a fungi that grows mostly indoors. This mold can release hazardous toxins that can cause serious health problems to those exposed. Lawyers who specialize in this area represent clients that have been affected by exposure to these toxins due to the negligence of parties such as building owners and homebuilders.

**Wire Fraud:** Similar to mail fraud, but involving electronic communications. Specifically, wire fraud is an action taken with the intent to defraud money or property through the use of a communications device, such as the Internet. Due to the advancement of technology, more incidents of “cyber crimes” are occurring than ever before. These include a growing number of wire fraud incidents.

**Law of the Sea:** Also known as Maritime Law or Admiralty Law. This type of law falls into the larger category of international law; establishing rules and laws governing international and territorial waters and sea lanes. This includes commerce, travel, incidents and accidents involving ships and other sea-faring vessels. Lawyers that specialize in Admiralty Law are called “proctors” when trying cases.

This is only a very cursory look at some of the different types of law new attorneys have the option of considering. The competition can be heavy in the more popular and highly-exposed areas of law. But if these are areas of great interest to a lawyer beginning their career, they should not be deterred. The “cream always rises to the top.”

However, if a new attorney finds one of the niche fields of law intriguing enough to venture into, they can carve out a segment of the market in which they can specialize and flourish.