

# Attorney

Advise individuals and businesses on legal matters. Conduct civil and criminal lawsuits, advise clients on their legal rights, draw up documents, and gather evidence to formulate defense or initiate legal action. Prepare legal briefs; develop strategy, arguments, and testimony in preparation for presentation of case. Many attorneys specialize in a branch of law such as corporate, criminal, labor, patent, real estate, tax, or international law. Some help write laws and establish ways to enforce them. A few teach or hold management positions.

## Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 311  
Supreme Court Rule: 42

## Licensure Requirements

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Must be of good moral character
- Complete at least three years toward a Bachelor’s degree
- Graduate from a law school approved by the American Bar Association. Note that Massachusetts School of Law is not approved by the ABA. However, the New Hampshire Supreme Court has granted a waiver allowing graduates of these schools who are already members of the Bar in some other state to be admitted.
- Must be a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association and pay annual dues

## Examination

Pass the New Hampshire Bar Examination and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE), or be admitted on motion.

## Continuing Education

Twelve credits per year

## Reciprocity

Lawyers admitted to the bar in another state or the District of Columbia may be eligible for admission to the New Hampshire Bar on motion without examination

## Active Licenses

Approximately 4,500

## Related Training

Law; Legal Research and Advanced Professional Studies

## Regulatory Agency

### Office of Bar Admissions

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## Fees

Examination, NH Bar . . . . . \$725.00  
Admission on Motion . . . . . \$1,225.00  
Admission by Transferred UBE Score . . . . . \$725.00  
*Annual dues, NH Bar Association . . . . . Contact NH Bar*

## O\*Net Codes

23-1011.00 Lawyers

## Additional Information Sources

New Hampshire Bar Association  
<[www.nhbar.org](http://www.nhbar.org)>

National Conference of Bar Examiners  
<[www.ncbex.org](http://www.ncbex.org)>