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
- US citizenship is not required, but applicants must be domiciled in the United States
- 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