



## Elizabeth Lin - 54

“ As a child I thought I wanted to be an author, or a forensic scientist, or maybe even a high school drama teacher! By the time I was ready for college, I was completely lost. I had many interests, but no clear path or direction. Ultimately, I decided to get an engineering degree because it covered so many of my strengths – writing, math, deduction, and problem-solving. While in college I realized that law was the subject that tied everything together and was the most fascinating to me. As a patent lawyer, I can look back now and see how all of my interests, which seemed so different at the time, were integral to my success in this job. There are so many different types of law, both in and out of the courtroom, that just about any subject can be extended and applied to a field or specialty. There's no question that it's hard work and requires dedication, but it provides many career options, and I cannot think of a job that I would like more. ”

### Occupation:

Patent Lawyer

### Salary:

\$153,490

### Education:

Doctoral or Professional Degree

### Job Description:

**Lawyers** represent clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, draw up legal documents, or manage or advise clients on legal transactions. May specialize in a single area or may practice broadly in many areas of law.\*



\*Source: This information is based on O\*NET™ data. O\*NET is a trademark registered to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

## Job Description:

SOC Code: 23-1011

## Top Job Skills:

- Perform legal research
- Prepare pleadings
- Contract Management
- Provide legal advice
- Customer service

## General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
  - Identify implications for cases from legal precedents or other legal information
  - Draft legislation or regulations
- Interacting With Others
  - Provide legal advice to clients
  - Represent the interests of clients in legal proceedings
  - Meet with individuals involved in legal processes to provide information and clarify issues
  - Arbitrate disputes between parties to resolve legal conflicts
  - Supervise activities of other legal personnel
- Information Input
  - Research relevant legal materials to aid decision making
  - Evaluate information related to legal matters in public or personal records
- Work Output
  - Prepare legal documents
  - Prepare documentation of legal proceedings

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

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## JOB STATISTICS:



### Typical Wage Range

\$68,430 - \$142,500



### Projected Growth

536/yr Job Openings



### Employed In-State

8,270



### Required Education

Doctoral or  
Professional Degree



### Work Experience

Typically  
Requires None



### On-the-Job Training

Typically  
Requires None

\*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Midlands
- Greenville
- Trident
- Catawba
- Upstate
- Waccamaw

## EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- SC Department of Public Safety
- Collins Family & Elder Law Group
- Attorney General's Office
- Cordell & Cordell
- Winthrop University
- Lexington County, SC

## RELATED OCCUPATIONS\*:

- Administrative Law Judges, Adjudicators, and Hearing Officers
- Judicial Law Clerks
- Arbitrators, Mediators, and Conciliators
- Judges, Magistrate Judges, and Magistrates

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2024.