



STUDENT ACTIVATION



## Energy Attorney

An **energy attorney** is an expert in all things energy—energy law, policy, regulations, and energy use. They understand how companies can harvest, create, and distribute energy. They may work in a variety of sectors, including nuclear power, oil, gas, or renewable energy. The responsibilities of an energy attorney could include contracts for energy, purchasing power, pipeline agreements, or representing companies that mine or sell natural resources like gas and coal. They will offer guidance to the executive staff of energy companies for risk management and to assure that there is regulatory and environmental compliance. Like other lawyers, they will also work on litigation, settlements, and lawsuits when needed.

### ENERGY ATTORNEY <sup>1,2</sup>

**Energy attorneys** are forward-thinking lawyers whose expertise lies in energy law and policy. They offer legal guidance for the executive staff of natural energy companies as they assure compliance with environmental policies and regulations. They represent their clients in legal disputes. Energy attorneys compose legal contracts and work with energy companies on safety and risk management. Their work is important in providing energy to consumers throughout the world in an ethical and environmentally responsible way.

### IS ENERGY ATTORNEY A GOOD CAREER FOR ME?

Me	Energy Attorney
I enjoy figuring out the solutions to difficult problems.	Energy attorneys are complex problem solvers.
I enjoy giving speeches and talking in front of the class.	Energy attorneys are confident public speakers.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Career/Energy-Attorney/What-Is-How-to-Become>

<sup>2</sup> <https://bit.ly/3GF0CBW>

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I am organized. I like knowing all the details of a project and often read things more than once.	Energy attorneys are organized, methodical, and detail oriented.
I enjoy explaining things, and I am a good writer.	Energy attorneys are excellent communicators.

How does this career help me?	How does this career help the world?
Natural energy is important to your safety, health, and livelihood. It is used to heat your home, wash your clothes, refrigerate and cook your food, and provide outdoor lighting so you can safely walk to your car at night. Energy attorneys assure that you can get this necessity in a safe, ethical, and affordable way.	Energy attorneys guide companies through regulations that affect the world. Mining for natural energy impacts land, air, and water. Energy attorneys ensure that environmental policies and objectives are met while harvesting, creating, and distributing energy. There is a monopoly on energy, meaning that most consumers cannot shop around. Energy attorneys also assure that companies are providing adequate service and are responsive to the needs of consumers.

What are some similar careers?
<p><b>Mediators</b> facilitate dialogue and negotiations to help resolve conflict between opposing parties without going into the court system.</p> <p><b>Paralegals</b> support lawyers through a variety of tasks such as legal research, drafting documents, and summarizing depositions.</p> <p><b>Judges</b> apply the law by overseeing the legal process in court.</p>

Here are ways to practice the skills to be a successful **energy attorney**:

- Join the debate team! Amplify your research, public speaking, and debate skills.
- Think about an issue that is important to you, maybe it involves the environment or human rights. Join a group where you can work collaboratively with people to make a step toward progress.
- Apply for an internship through the U.S. Department of the Interior. This full or part time program gives interns at the high school level an inside look into public and environmental policy.