

**International Law** can be divided into two branches: public international law and private international law. Public international law broadly deals with the legal interactions between and among countries. This can include laws or agreements on international trade, criminal laws (extradition), the environment, human rights, etc. Organizations involved in public international law include the United Nations, the International Court of Justice, and the International Criminal Court. Private international law deals with the relationships between individuals or organizations, often in a business setting. This may involve, for instance, coming to an agreement on a shared set of rules to govern a contract.

The field of international law is vast. Attorneys practice in many different settings in both the public and private sectors. For instance, the UN employs lawyers in its Office of Legal Affairs. Government attorneys play a part in drafting international treaties and agreements that govern relationships between countries. Private sector international attorneys are often involved in international business transactions. Typical duties may include drafting contracts, researching international rules and customary law, and representing companies with a global presence in litigation, arbitration, and mediation.

Job Type	Typical Duties
<p><u>Federal Agencies</u>  <a href="#">Council of Economic Advisers</a>  <a href="#">Court of International Trade</a>  <a href="#">Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission)</a>  <a href="#">African Development Foundation</a>  <a href="#">US Agency for International Development</a>  <a href="#">Bureau of Consular Affairs</a>  <a href="#">Bureau of International Labor Affairs</a>  <a href="#">U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom</a>  <a href="#">Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States</a>  <a href="#">European Command</a>  <a href="#">Foreign Agricultural Service</a>  <a href="#">Foreign Claims Settlement Commission</a>  <a href="#">Institute of Peace</a>  <a href="#">Inter-American Foundation</a>  <a href="#">International Trade Administration (ITA)</a>  <a href="#">U.S. International Trade Commission</a>  <a href="#">Japan-United States Friendship Commission</a></p>	<p>Duties will vary widely for international law attorneys working in federal government agencies but many international law positions will require:                      Researching foreign laws, bilateral and multilateral treaties.                      Drafting legal documents.                      Preparing research reports.</p>

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<p><a href="#">Millennium Challenge Corporation</a>  <a href="#">National AIDS Policy Office</a>  <a href="#">Open World Leadership Center</a>  <a href="#">Overseas Private Investment Corporation</a>  <a href="#">Radio Free Asia (RFA)</a>  <a href="#">Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL)</a>  <a href="#">U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM)</a>  <a href="#">U.S. Mission to the United Nations</a>  <a href="#">Vietnam Education Foundation</a>  <a href="#">Federal Jobs</a></p>	
<p><a href="#">Private Law Firms</a></p>	<p>Representing businesses in their dealings with businesses from other countries.                  Representing clients who have been arrested or detained in a foreign country.                  Forming or dissolving foreign companies.</p>

Student Organizations

- [Caribbean Law Students Association](#)
- [Cuban American Bar Association](#)
- [Hispanic Law Student Association](#)
- [Immigration Law Organization](#)
- [International Law Students Association](#)
- [ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law](#)
- [International Citator and Research Guide](#)
- [International Law Moot Court Team](#)

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### Professional Organizations

The International Law Institute has an [extensive list of international organizations](#) where you can learn about and practice law.

[ABA Section on International Law – Career Resources](#)

[American Society of International Law](#)

[Florida Bar – International Law Section](#)

### Other Activities

Obtain an internship with an attorney or firm who practices international law.

Search international organization job boards such as the [United Nations](#).

[Lawyers Without Borders](#) – Internship Opportunities

Participate in one of the College of Law's dual degree or international programs.

Periodically check the [Symblicity Job Board](#) for opportunities in this area of law.

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