

Litigation is practice at every stage of a civil or criminal trial. Attorneys in any area of the law should be conversant with alternative dispute resolution techniques, such as negotiation, arbitration, and mediation. Litigation attorneys may spend more of their time in court in contrast to attorneys working in a transactional practice.

Litigation attorneys would benefit from the following classes: legal drafting, evidence, criminal and civil procedure, pretrial practice, trial advocacy, and alternative dispute resolution. Appellate practice knowledge is also useful because so much appellate practice concentrates on preserving trial court error for appeal. As well, litigation attorneys need knowledge and experience in the subject areas in which they are litigating.

For more information about litigation, see the [American Bar Association Section of Litigation](#); the [Trial Lawyers Section of the Florida Bar](#); and the [American Association for Justice](#), a national organization of civil plaintiffs' lawyers.

Job Type	Typical Duties
<u>Federal Agencies</u> Offices of the United States Attorneys U.S. Courts Defenders Services Federal Public Defender, Southern District of Florida Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation Federal Jobs	Investigate potential and current cases. Draft demand letters and responses, charging documents, complaints and other pleadings, discovery documents, court filings, and jury instructions; respond to any such documents from opposing counsel. Assist clients and their employees in complying with discovery. Negotiate aspects or entire outcome of case. Represent clients in mediation. Prepare for and try case in front of judge or arbitrator(s).
<u>State Agencies</u> Florida Office of the Attorney General Florida Courts State Jobs	Investigate potential and current cases. Draft demand letters and responses, charging documents, complaints and other pleadings, discovery documents, court filings, and jury instructions; respond to any such documents from opposing counsel. Assist clients and their employees in complying with discovery. Negotiate aspects or entire outcome of case. Represent clients in mediation. Prepare for and try case in front of judge or arbitrator(s).
<u>Local Government</u> City Attorney's Office County Attorney's Office Mayor's Office Florida County Websites Florida City Websites Public Defender's Office	Investigate potential and current cases. Draft demand letters and responses, charging documents, complaints and other pleadings, discovery documents, court filings, and jury instructions; respond to any such documents from opposing counsel. Assist clients and their employees in complying with discovery. Negotiate aspects or entire outcome of case. Represent clients in mediation. Prepare for and try case in front of judge or arbitrator(s).
<u>Private Law Firms</u>	Investigate potential and current cases. Draft demand letters and responses, charging documents, complaints and other pleadings, discovery documents, court filings,

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Student Organizations

[Nova Trial Association](#)

[Moot Court Society](#)

Other Activities

Get involved with student bar association.

Obtain an internship with an attorney or firm who specializes in litigation.

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

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