

AG LAW & POLICY

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Advisor - Government/Stakeholder Relations

JOB OVERVIEW

- Provide insight** and guidance to elected officials on agricultural issues they may not be as familiar with; also provide voice for stakeholders
- Assist in the development** of political policies relating to ag
- Serve as the "expert"** on agricultural topics to your superior or organization
- Conduct research** on topics relevant to policies being developed

JOB OUTLOOK



EDUCATION NEEDED

Bachelor's or Master's in ag economics, political science, finance, business or public administration

RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, writing, business and computer courses, economics, government

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

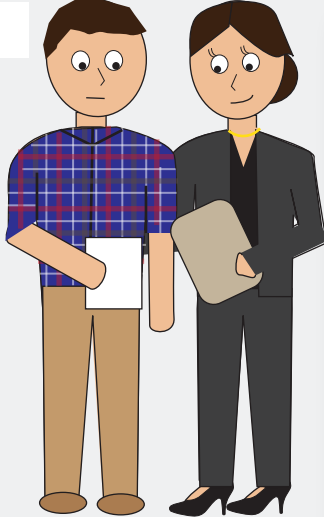
Companies (policy advisors), non-profits, or in the political realm (representatives and senators)

Ag Lawyer

JOB OVERVIEW

- Assist farmers** in succession planning, zoning, land use cases, and eminent domain issues
- Help agricultural entities** set up corporations, proprietorships, and partnerships
- Give general legal counsel** to individuals, companies, or organizations
- Provide guidance** in regulatory compliance as well as environmental legislation

JOB OUTLOOK



EDUCATION NEEDED

Bachelor's degree, a good score on the LSAT exam, a Juris Doctorate, and passing the bar exam of the state you wish to practice in

RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, English, social sciences, public speaking, debate

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

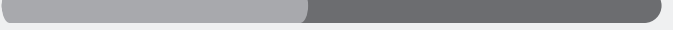
May work independently or hired by an organization or company

Ag Legal Assistant

JOB OVERVIEW

- Provide support** to supervising lawyers
- Draft contracts & other legal documents** to submit to a lawyer for review
- Perform legal research** that will help support arguments in the court setting or legal briefs
- Assist in real estate closings**, contract writing, filing articles of incorporation & partnership agreements

JOB OUTLOOK



EDUCATION NEEDED

Bachelor's degree in a related field or a paralegal associate's degree

RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, English, computer courses

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

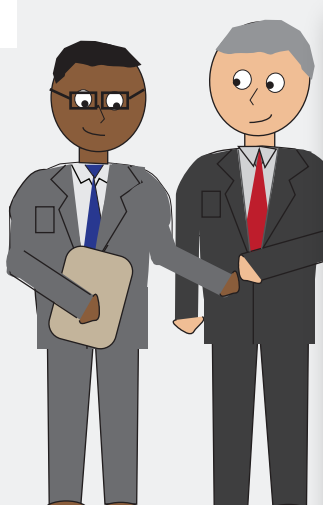
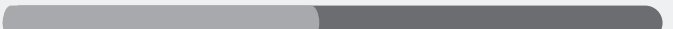
May work with an independent lawyer or may be hired by an organization or company

Ag Lobbyist

JOB OVERVIEW

- Ensure government officials** hear the voices and positions of companies, organizations, industries, and even communities
- Research legislation** or regulatory protocols; remain abreast of developments and governmental issues
- Attend various pertinent legislative hearings**
- Educate & inform** officials on issues in agriculture

JOB OUTLOOK



EDUCATION NEEDED

Typically at least a Bachelor's degree in political science, law, ag economics, journalism

RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, English, social sciences, debate, public speaking

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

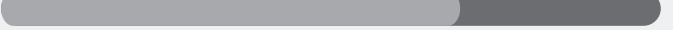
Organizations, commodity groups, checkoff programs hire agricultural lobbyists; may work on national, state or local level

Agricultural Legislative Assistant

JOB OVERVIEW

- Serve as an agricultural policy expert** for local, state, or federally elected or appointed officials
- Assist in maintaining** various aspects of the officials' agriculture portfolio
- Garner support** for new bills
- Track advancement** of related bills through the legislative process
- Conduct research** to make sound legislative recommendations or implementations to officials

JOB OUTLOOK



EDUCATION NEEDED

At least a Bachelor's degree in an ag field, political science, law, journalism, or public relations

RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, civics, economics, business

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

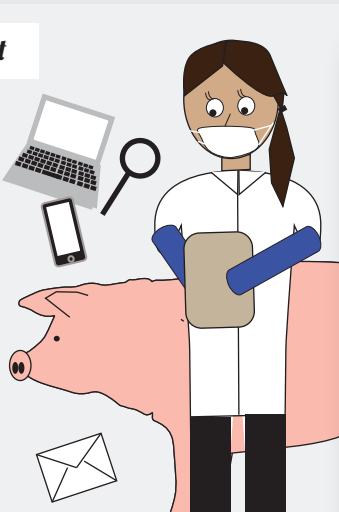
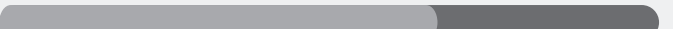
Local, state, or federal elected or appointed officials within a congressional or administrative office

Animal Welfare Auditor/Specialist

JOB OVERVIEW

- Perform animal handling/welfare audits** and food safety audits on farms, animal production facilities, and animal processing facilities
- Properly report & record** animal welfare misconduct
- Provide training** as requested/ needed and help implement corrective actions
- Participate in animal care investigations** as designated

JOB OUTLOOK



EDUCATION NEEDED

Bachelor's or Master's in animal science or animal welfare

RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, animal science, Spanish, biology, anatomy, mathematics

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Animal production companies, food & restaurant companies, animal processing facilities, animal welfare organizations & the government

Patent Scientist/Patent Attorney

JOB OVERVIEW

- Evaluate patent validity** on new products or services from both a legal and scientific perspective
- Manage intellectual property matters** relating to a company's products or creations
- Perform patent assessments** and the drafting of patent applications
- Provide infringement opinions** & help to develop patent strategies

JOB OUTLOOK



EDUCATION NEEDED

Master's or Doctorate in preferred field; Juris Doctorate also recommended

RECOMMENDED H.S. COURSES

Ag education, business and computer courses, mathematics, sciences

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Large agricultural companies and organizations that continually create new products

PROFESSIONALS IN AG LAW & POLICY CAN EXPECT TO EARN AN AVERAGE OF \$75,700 PER YEAR