

Role of Lawyers - By Barney Garcia

The legal system affects nearly every aspect of our society and lawyers assume great importance by constituting the backbone of the system of law interpretation and enforcement. Their responsibility is also very great and they need to follow a strict code of ethics.

Lawyers or attorneys work as advocates and also act as advisors for us. While functioning as advocates the lawyers represent any one of the parties in criminal and civil trials. They present evidence in court and argue in order to support their client. In the role of the advisor they counsel their clients about their legal rights and obligations. They also suggest particular courses of action to be followed in business and/or personal matters for getting maximum mileage while remaining within legal bounds.

For meeting their functions the lawyers or attorneys study and research into the purpose of laws and judicial decisions. Then they seek to apply the proper available legal provisions appropriately to the specific circumstances of the client.

Broadly speaking, the lawyers in private practice concentrate on criminal law or civil law. Criminal lawyers represent individuals having been charged with crimes and argue their cases in courts of law. Civil lawyers, on the other hand, deal with assisting clients with litigation, will, trust, contracts, mortgages, titles, leases etc.

The field of specialization of the lawyers and the position held by them determine the minute, specific aspects of the lawyer's job. The lawyers may be specializing in various areas of law like bankruptcy, probate, international, elder etc. They may act as representatives of various interest groups, companies and firms. They may even be employed by the respective concerns. These lawyers represent the interest of clients in various administrative adjudications.

There are lawyers nowadays who are specializing in the growing field of intellectual property. They help to protect clients' claims to copyrights, artwork under contract, product designs and computer programs.

Clients at times employ lawyers on a full time basis. The lawyers employed by corporation clients are called 'house counsels'. They advice the company concerning legal issues related to its business activities. A large number of attorneys are employed at various levels of government.

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