

## JOB OF THE WEEK

### What is it?

**Barrister** – Barristers are usually hired by solicitors to **represent a case in court** and only become involved when appearing before a court when needed. A barrister pleads the case on behalf of the client and the client's solicitor.

Find out more about university/routes to Degrees: [Law \(ucas.com\)](http://ucas.com)

### Day to day tasks

- meet with clients and take on cases
- research the law and cases similar to the one you're working on
- read witness statements and reports
- offer legal advice and your opinion
- negotiate settlements out of court
- prepare legal arguments and court briefs
- question witnesses and present cases to the judge and jury

### Qualifications

**5 GCSEs – grades 9 – 6 including English and Maths and Science**

**A Levels** – you will require 2/3 A levels or equivalent for a degree course – check out specific universities prior to choosing A levels

### Salary

The average salary for a Barrister is **£89,400** per year (£5,030 net per month) A Barrister can expect an average starting salary of £40,300. The highest salaries can exceed £200,000.

Source: <https://uk.jobted.com/salary/barrister>

### Jobs and labour market

#### Barristers and judges

Weekly Pay	Annual Pay
<b>£990</b>	<b>£51,480</b>
Hours/Week	Hourly Pay
<b>28h</b>	<b>£35</b>

#### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth	Replacement
<b>3.3%</b>	<b>54.8%</b>

Source: LMI for All

### Routes into the industry

You could complete a degree in law to become a barrister. You also have the option to do a degree in any subject and complete a Graduate Diploma in Law afterwards.

Once you've graduated, you need to complete: the Bar Professional Training Course which takes one year and a year of practical training called a pupillage.

Find out more at: [Barrister](#) | [Explore careers](#) | [National Careers Service](#)