

Florida Lawyers

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A jet airline has some engine trouble. The pilot instructs the cabin crew to show the quick demo for an emergency landing. A few minutes later, he asks the crew if everyone is ready. "All passengers are ready, Captain," comes the reply, "except one lawyer who is still going around giving out his business card." This is just a joke, but it illustrates the importance of lawyers.

Lawyers, also known as 'attorneys' in the US, contribute to restore justice in the community by handling court cases. Some lawyers also perform legislative functions. But in this article we'll consider only those that handle court cases and help the common man.

In Florida, there are nearly 75,000 practicing lawyers, of whom 70% are males. If anyone wants to practice law in Florida, he or she must be a member of the Florida Bar Association, an official organ of the Supreme Court of Florida. It is the statewide professional and regulatory organization for lawyers. The very fact that a lawyer is a member of the bar means that the professional has earned the highest level of recognition for competency and experience in his or her chosen specialist area.

Though usually lawyers handle court cases, in exceptional circumstances, a non-lawyer, known as a 'Paralegal,' may also work under the direction and supervision of a member of the bar.

In addition to handling court cases, resolving disputes, and helping people, Florida lawyers also speak to school students on the role of lawyers in the community, the significance of the US constitution and amendments, threats to the judicial system and so forth.

Florida Lawyers handle cases related to all areas of human concern, out of which the most common are personal injury, real estate, business, criminal law, insurance, family law and bankruptcy.

There are many resources, such as the Florida Yellow Pages, for locating a lawyer. The Florida Bar Association headquarters are at 651 E. Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300. Phone: (850) 561-5600. The bar's official website, www.floridabar.org, is an excellent resource. It publishes several pamphlets for consumers, in English and Spanish. The website has links that can be used to locate Bar-Certified Lawyers anywhere in the state. The site also has a lawyer referral service and an FAQ section that answers almost all queries expected from consumers, including those from the underprivileged who cannot afford a lawyer. Florida Lawyers provides detailed information on Florida Bankruptcy Lawyers, Florida Business Lawyers, Florida Criminal Lawyers, Florida Family Lawyers and more. Florida Lawyers is affiliated with Florida Alcohol Treatment.