

**Corporate Law** involves the formation, operation, representation, and management of businesses. It also involves representation of shareholders, members of limited-liability companies, partners, and businesses involved in joint ventures. Corporate lawyers also handle securities matters, mergers and acquisitions, and dissolutions. Business entities may include: for-profit and non-profit corporations, limited-liability companies, partnerships, joint ventures, and co-operative organizations.

Corporate law practice is generally governed by state law, including state securities law. Corporate lawyers can work as a corporation's lawyer, as in-house counsel or in private corporate practice. Corporate lawyers deal with related areas of federal law, such as securities law, employment law, disability law, and wage and pension law. Corporate lawyers will also have to understand and use some corporate tax law. They will work closely with outside counsel, in tax law, intellectual property law, franchise law, and other areas, especially areas relating to the corporation's business area. Corporate lawyers also work with the regulatory organizations that enforce those laws.

For more information about corporate law, see the [Legal Information Institute's Wex encyclopedia "Corporations" page](#), which has links to definitions of many corporate law terms, the [Business Law Section of the American Bar Association](#), and the [Business Law Section of the Florida Bar](#).

<b>Job Type</b>	<b>Typical Duties</b>
<u>Federal Agencies</u> <a href="#">Securities and Exchange Commission</a> <a href="#">Federal Trade Commission</a> <a href="#">Federal Jobs</a>	Assist with enforcement (hearings) of regulations or inspections. Create, implement, interpret, advise on, and enforce regulations. Liaise with other government agencies.
<u>FL State Agencies</u> <a href="#">Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation</a> Florida Attorney General <a href="#">State Jobs</a>	Assist with enforcement (hearings) of regulations or inspections. Create, implement, interpret, advise on, and enforce regulations. Liaise with other government agencies.
<u>Local Government</u> City Attorney's Office County Attorney's Office Mayor's Office <a href="#">Florida County Websites</a> <a href="#">Florida City Websites</a>	Draft and negotiate legal contracts for the city or county.
<u>Private Law Firms</u>	Represent, advise, and negotiate with company owners, investors, board members, shareholders, or businesses at any stage of the corporate life-cycle from formation through growth, and, if necessary, dissolution. Read and draft legal documents. Counsel clients on tax issues, financial matters, employment, wage, and pension law, business-segment related law, and other legal matters.

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Professional Organizations

[Association of Corporate Counsel \(ACC\)](#)

Student Organizations

[Association of Business Law Students](#)

Other Activities

Obtain an internship with an attorney or firm that practices Corporate Law.

Obtain an internship working with in-house counsel at a corporation.

Participate in the Business Practice Clinic.

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

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