

# TEN JOBS YOU CAN DO WITH A NON ABA LAW DEGREE

## *Doctor of Canon and Civil Law (JUD)*

An ABA law degree does not guarantee that you will have a career in law. It does guarantee you will have a degree and most likely a student loan, except for qualified non-ABA applicants to Smith Chapel Bible University College of Law and Religion.

In North America, there seems to be a glut of lawyers and too many law students and not enough positions in the big law firms. However, what can you do with a law degree that does not include passing the ABA Bar Exam or working in the largest law firms in the country? Let us review SMITH CHAPEL BIBLE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW AND RELIGION TOP TEN LIST:

### *1. Pastoral Counseling*

The aim of Pastoral Counseling is to effect change in the counselee by encouraging greater conformity to the principles of Scripture. This combination of law and religion allows the counselor to understand the legal and pastoral aspects of family, church, and community counseling.

### *2. Negotiation and Conflict Resolution*

While you do not need a law degree to work as a mediator, legal knowledge can help during the mediation process, especially in local church administration.

### *3. Development Agencies*

Your degree can help if you manage a nongovernmental organization, such as, nonprofit organizations, foundations, local churches, etc. After all, a lot of them operate in a manner, where knowledge of the law is crucial to their mandate.

### *4. Chaplain in Government and political organizations*

Please consider how many politicians have a law degree, for example, Bill Clinton, Esq and Barack Obama, Esq – just to name two presidents. In addition, the former United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Esq., while law and politics remain entangled, preparing for a Chaplain career in government or politics requires more charisma than that required of earning any type of law degree.

## 5. *Banking and Finance*

So if you do not go into politics, why not try finance? There are certain fields where a non-ABA law degree certainly could not hurt, such as, estates planning for church elders, tax compliance for nonprofit 501 (c) (3) & (4) organizations, as well as, general consulting to local church administrators. Even if you do not want to consult in the finance sector and prefer to deal with the money, having a *Doctor of Canon and Civil Law* is good, since finance does require a moral compass, as well as, legal knowledge.

## 6. *Entrepreneur*

Of course, you do not need a law degree to be an entrepreneur, but Dr. Abe Johnson went from graduating from Emory University Candler School of Theology (graduate program) and North American Studies Centre (doctoral program), to president and now university trustee. Dr. Johnson credits a course: *"The Integration of Law and Religion"* taught at Emory University School of Law for helping him succeed as a Managing Director of EDUCATION BASED CONSULTANTS OF AMERICA LLC. His consultant LLC is an authorized vendor for the State of Florida.

## 7. *Academia*

A professional earning a non ABA Law degree chooses not to practice law but they might be interested in research and writing on the law to look at ways to improve or update the law. This may also include conducting workshops, seminars, conferences related to legal issues affecting churches and other nonprofits.

## 8. *Journalism or Writing*

Journalism probably is not the best alternate career considering the regular reports of cuts in the industry but some professionals with non-ABA law degrees may find work as legal analysts and like, including publishing in canon or civil law.

Consultants with non-ABA law degrees can also turn to writing as a career. One of the most famous writers is John Grisham who came to fame thanks to his books about the law.

## 9. *Public Interest Advocacy*

Do you feel strongly about an issue and want to influence policy decisions? Then why not consider public interest advocacy?

Whatever you decide to do with your non-ABA law degree, do not go into the field without thinking about what you want to do. Dr. Johnson advises that even if you do not practice law, a law degree is good to have and considered as a foundation for any career, if not a consultant career itself.

## 10. Notary Public

<http://www.statenotary.info/>

To become a notary public in the any State, you must obtain an application and information from a bonding company approved to submit applications electronically or postal mail to that State. Please note that the States do not give out applications or provide notary seals. Think of the consultant opportunities of a notary who also earned a Doctor of Canon and Civil Law degree.

### [ ] BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL



The purpose of this proposal is to establish a nationwide directory of SMITH CHAPEL BIBLE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW AND RELIGION graduates. The University bears the cost of setting up the referral service available only to graduates of the University, as a clearinghouse for client contacts throughout the USA.

You may participate in the marketing campaign consisting of traditional media plus social media outlets; opt in list, direct mailings, newsletters, etc. This proposal is made possible by the generous pending donations of ABRAHAMIC FAMILY TRUST.

Compiled Reference:

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/reneesylvestrewilliams/2012/11/22/nine-jobs-you-can-do-with-a-law-degree/2/#50fe38f32508>