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1. Graduate from high school, **practice** for and take college admissions tests (SAT / ACT).
2. Develop good reading and writing skills.
3. Attend college and graduate with a 4 year college degree.
4. Find a lawyer or judge you admire and ask them to be a mentor.
5. **Practice** for & take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT).
6. Research law schools according to what kind of lawyer you want to be, finances, school resources, location, and likelihood of admission.
7. Apply to, attend, and graduate from law school.
8. **Practice** for and take the Bar Examination in the state in which you would like to practice.
9. Apply for membership to the bar association of that state, and pass Moral Character investigation.
10. Pass Bar Examination, get sworn in by the State Supreme Court.

If you have any questions about any of the steps you need to take to become a lawyer, or would like help finding a mentor, please feel free to contact us.

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Congratulations!

Now you are licensed to practice law!