



# University of Louisville Paralegal Studies Program

- ✓ Began in early 1980's by Dr. Paul Weber and Joel Goldstein.
- ✓ Associate Degree. Later both Associate and Bachelor's
- ✓ 1 Faculty Full Time Staff Member. All faculty-Part Time practicing attorneys and paralegals.
- ✓ Successful placement.
- ✓ Numerous attorney's and paralegals.
- ✓ American Bar Association Approved Program. (ABA)
- ✓ Director resigned in September 2016.

**“ I am really upset about UofL’s closure of the paralegal program and just cannot believe that a city the size of Louisville can’t support a liberal arts education that includes a paralegal studies program. The job market seems pretty strong as there are always new jobs posted on both associations’ website job banks.”**

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## Paralegals and Legal Assistants

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### Summary

#### Quick Facts: Paralegals and Legal Assistants

2016 Median Pay	\$49,500 per year \$23.80 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education	Associate's degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation	None
On-the-job Training	None
Number of Jobs, 2016	285,600
Job Outlook, 2016-26	15% (Much faster than average)
Employment Change, 2016-26	41,800



Paralegals and legal assistants help lawyers prepare for hearings, trials, and corporate meetings.

#### What Paralegals and Legal Assistants Do

Paralegals and legal assistants perform a variety of tasks to support [lawyers](#), including maintaining and organizing files, conducting legal research, and drafting documents.



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### Paralegal

In the past, paralegals primarily assisted attorneys in preparing documents. However moving forward more companies use paralegals to do much of the work that attorneys did previously. With a projected growth rate of about 28 percent over the 10 years, becoming a paralegal has exceptional opportunities. "There are several ways to become a paralegal. The most common is through a community college paralegal program that leads to an associate degree. Another common method of entry, mainly for those who already have a college degree, is earning a certificate in paralegal studies. A small number of schools offer bachelors' and masters' degrees in paralegal studies."

# Sullivan's Program is Thriving!

The screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL <https://sullivan.edu/the-institute-for-legal-studies/associate-of-science-in-para-legal-studies/>. The page features a green navigation bar with the Sullivan University logo and links for News, Career Services, Student Login, Alumni Login, Español, Contact Us, and Net Price Calculator. Below the navigation bar, the main content area has a dark green background with a photograph of a smiling woman. The text reads "PARALEGAL STUDIES" and "ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN AS LITTLE AS 18 MONTHS". A "REQUEST MORE INFO" button is visible. On the left side, there is a "Live Chat" button. Below the main content, there is a section with tabs for Overview, Objectives, Highlights, Courses, Locations, FAQ, and More. The "Overview" tab is selected, showing a video player with the title "Paralegal Studies at Sullivan University" and "Bachelor's Degree Program" with "182 credit hours". To the right of the video player, there is a sidebar with a "VIRTUAL TOUR" button and a "SCHEDULE A VISIT" button. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 1:37 PM on 11/1/2017.

**Tuition is approximately 33% more!**

- Estimate 60-65% of our students are women.
- Estimate 20-25% of our students are minorities.