

# *Government and Government Relations Attorney*

Summary: Learn more about what it is like to be a Government and Government Relations attorney in this article.

## ***What Does a Government and Government Relations Attorney Do?***

- This practice area covers lobbying work and the representation of federal and state governments and their agencies.
- Attorneys who work in this area provide advice on a host of issues that pertain to government affairs, lobbying, legislative law, budgets and fiscal matters, regulatory compliance, political law, and election law.

## ***Why Do Government and Government Relations Attorneys Enjoy Their Jobs?***

- Attorneys who enjoy being personable, meeting others and who are friendly with others typically do well in this practice area.
- You need to be interested in government and policy and have a good understanding of people to succeed here.
- If you are well connected, there are lots of opportunities both inside and outside of law firms (as lobbyists, in government and so forth) available to attorneys that do well here.
- Attorneys like the sense of accomplishment that comes from being participants in pushing certain laws and policies through.

## ***What Are the Difficulties of Being a Government and Government Relations Attorney?***

- This practice area is not good for people who are introverts, or do not like a lot of socializing.
- You must also have a "natural" interest in government and policy and feel strongly about it.
- You must be comfortable advocating for laws and policies you may not agree with.

## ***How Easy Is It to Move Laterally as a Government and Government Relations Attorney?***

- This is not a healthy lateral practice area because it tends to be driven by individuals and not large teams of attorneys.
- This practice area tends to be focused in state capitals and in Washington, DC.

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