

The History and Evolution of the Legal Profession in America

- I. Historical roots---the Roman orators
- II. The Inns of Court
 - a. barristers (storytellers)
 - b. solicitors (fixers)
- III. William Blackstone (1758): Law becomes a respectable subject of study in the English colleges
- IV. American law as a gentleman's vocation until 1870
- V. Revolution in American legal education
 - a. the American Bar Association formed, 1878
 - b. Case method approach to the study of law introduced at Harvard by Christopher Langdell, 1870s
- VI. National Lawyer's Guild created in 1936
- VII. Karl Llewellyn's Neighborhood Law Offices created in 1938
- VIII. Gideon v. Wainwright (1963)
- IX. The Legal profession today---2011
 - a. private law practice---74 per cent of lawyers
 1. counseling
 2. negotiating
 3. drafting
 4. litigating
 5. investigating
 6. researching
 - b. government practice---**12 percent** of lawyers
 - c. private employment---**12 percent** of lawyers
 - d. judiciary employment---<**2 percent** of lawyers