**Legal Occupations** is projected to add 214 new jobs to the state economy, an increase of 2.81 percent. The major group is anticipating the fewest annual openings in the state with 588 between 2018 and 2020. Of these, 198 would be for those exiting the workforce and 283 for those transferring or changing jobs. Growth and expansion accounts for 107 annual openings.

**2-Year Projected (2018-2020) Growth Rate: 2.81%
Biggest Gain: Lawyers (23-1011) – 78 jobs
Fastest Gain: Title Examiners, Abstractors, and Searchers (23-2093) – 5.20%
Biggest and Fastest Loser: None**

**Short-Term Outlook 2018-2020**

**Legal Occupations (23-0000)**

 The ***Lawyers, Judges, and Related Workers*** occupational family is anticipating 103 new jobs, an increase of 2.32 percent. Lawyers is likely to experience the majority of the growth in the occupational family adding 78 jobs. Arbitrators, Mediators, and Conciliators is predicted to add 4.46 percent to its workforce. The occupational family is expecting around 238 annual job openings.

 The ***Legal Support Workers*** occupational familyis projected to increase jobs by 111, an increase of 3.50 percent. Paralegals and Legal Assistants is slated to add 59 new jobs making it the top growing occupation in the occupational family, while Title Examiners, Abstractors, and Searchers could be the fastest growing in **Legal Occupations** with a 5.20 percent gain. Around 351 annual job openings are anticipated annually in the occupational family.

**Workforce Development Area Outlook
Legal Occupations**

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| **WorkforceDevelopmentArea** | **2018EstimatedEmployment** | **2020ProjectedEmployment** | **NumericChange** | **PercentChange** | **AnnualOpenings-Exits** | **AnnualOpenings-Transfers** | **AnnualOpenings-Change** | **AnnualOpenings-Total** |
| Northwest Arkansas | 1,408 | 1,479 | 71 | 5.04% | 38 | 56 | 36 | 130 |
| North Central Arkansas | 242 | 240 | -2 | -0.83% | 6 | 8 | -1 | 13 |
| Northeast Arkansas | 379 | 392 | 13 | 3.43% | 11 | 16 | 6 | 33 |
| Western Arkansas | 423 | 423 | 0 | 0.00% | 10 | 14 | 0 | 24 |
| West Central Arkansas | 417 | 434 | 17 | 4.08% | 11 | 18 | 8 | 37 |
| City of Little Rock | 2,510 | 2,558 | 48 | 1.91% | 64 | 89 | 24 | 177 |
| Eastern Arkansas | 154 | 159 | 5 | 3.25% | 3 | 6 | 2 | 11 |
| Southwest Arkansas | 296 | 302 | 6 | 2.03% | 8 | 13 | 3 | 24 |
| Southeast Arkansas | 262 | 266 | 4 | 1.53% | 6 | 8 | 2 | 16 |