The following is a list of websites that may be helpful for those looking for alternative career paths:

1. BYU Main Campus Job Postings – alumni.byu.edu/Sections/Placement/index.cfm?event=search_getSearchCriteria
   - This is an excellent resource and there is no password to get into the site

   - While primarily for law firms, this subscription has a large Alternative Careers Section.

   - Has lots of in-house positions, as well as non-traditional postings.

   - While the best resources on alternative jobs found on this site require a monthly fee, the rates are quite reasonable and may well be worth the investment for a few months.

   - Extraordinarily detailed web site. Of particular interest to the alternative career seeker are descriptions of major industries and compensation data for hundreds of occupations. These can be found in the Occupational Outlook Handbook.

   - This site features job search news, tips, discussion groups, and a database of job listings searchable by job title or description.

7. HG.org – www.hg.org/empchange.html
   - Maintains a special section on changing jobs and career change generally.

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This comprehensive site contains job search tips, recent news articles, and links to tons of other resources. Search for job resources by location or industry/profession. The site has links to great general job search information. Be sure to check out The Online Job Search Guide.

Job Hunters Bible – www.jobhuntersbible.com

This is Dick Bolles’ job search web site that is intended to serve as a companion to this book “What Color is Your Parachute?” It’s a great resource – full of articles, links, tips, tools, and even fun lists (e.g., Ten Best Jobs for People who...).

LexisNexis – www.lexisnexis.com

On the LexisNexis homepage, click on “Company Information” at the top, then “Employment” on the left side, then click on “Alternative Careers” in the box on the right to find positions with Lexis Nexis.

O*NET – www.onetonline.org

This is an interactive database of occupational information. Conduct a skills search to find jobs that match your skills or find information (nationally and by state) on particular occupations.

Opportunity Knocks – www.opportunityknocks.org

Look for nonprofit jobs and career opportunities on this site. Registration to receive email alerts of open positions matching your interests is free.

Riley Guide – www.rileyguide.com

This is a well-known guide to online job search articles and resources.

Thomson Reuters – west.thomson.com/about/careers/default.aspx?promcode=571402

Thomson Reuters, which owns Westlaw, among its many holdings, lists careers with the company through its web site.
Wet Feet – www.wetfeet.com

This is a great general job search resource providing career research information as well as job search resources. Check out company, career, or industry profiles to learn more about the job options that are available.

II. Business


Provides education for investment managers and analysts, as well as promotes high professional standards.

American Management Association – www.amanet.org

This site offers a full range of management development and educational services for business professionals.

Association of Management Consulting Firms – www.amcf.org

An international association of firms engaged in the practice of consulting to management.

American Production and Inventory Control Society – www.apics.org

The source of expertise in resource management for manufacturing and service industries. Registration is required for job bank access.

American Society for Training & Development – www.astd.org

The is a leading professional organization and resource for workplace training and performance issues. A job bank is included on the web site.

Institute of Management Consultants USA – www.imcusa.org

Is a national professional association representing management consultants. It awards the CMC (Certified Management Consultant) certification mark.

Management Consulting News – www.managementconsultingnews.com

This website provides subscribers a free newsletter via e-mail covering the management consulting industry.
Marketing Power – www.marketingpower.com

One of the largest organizations for marketers, the American Marketing Association maintains this site, which provides career and salary information, as well as job bank listings.


The world’s largest organization devoted to human resource management. The site provides links to resources, local chapters and job banks.

Securities Industry Association – www.siaonline.org

An organization of 600+ securities firms, including investment banks, broker-dealers and mutual fund companies, active in all phases of corporate and public finance.

III. Court Administration

Judicial Council of California – www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jobs/

Provides information pertaining to court administration in California.

The National Judicial College – www.judges.org

The nation’s leading judicial training and education institution.

State Justice Institute – www.sji.org

Established by Federal law in 1984 to award grants to improve the quality of justice in State courts, facilitate better coordination between State and Federal courts, and foster innovative, efficient solutions to common problems faced by all courts.


Click on “Careers” to find open positions within the Federal Judiciary.


The National Center for State Courts created this site as a gathering place for job seekers to browse open court positions.
IV. Government

A. Federal Government

National Archives - Jobs, Internships & Volunteering Opportunities – www.archives.gov/careers

The National Archives employment website.

Call to Serve – www.calltoserve.org

This national initiative is designed to educate a new generation about the importance of a strong civil service and provide students with information about federal jobs. This site includes information regarding applying for federal employment, contains profiles of various opportunities with federal agencies (throughout the country), and links to each agency’s main and job listing web pages.


The Federal Research Service is a private organization which maintains a searchable database of federal government jobs. Choose an occupation and narrow your search by location, agency, and other criteria.


This site provides general career related information in the federal government and databases containing law-related positions in various federal agencies.

USA.gov – www.usa.gov

This is the official U.S. gateway to all government information on the Internet. This comprehensive site provides links to all federal entities in the three branches of government.

USA.gov - www.usa.gov/Agencies.shtml

Provides links to all U.S. government departments and agencies.

Presidential Management Intern Program – www.pmf.gov

A federal program designed to groom graduate students for upper-level management positions in the federal government. The site provides lists of agencies and their departments and offices that hire PMIs.
USAJobs – www.usajobs.opm.gov

The Federal Government’s Office of Personnel Management announces all of its jobs across the country on this newly revamped site. This site allows you to search for government positions by agency, location, and series. Series include traditional legal positions such as Attorney and Law Clerk in addition to numerous law-related positions including Criminal Investigator, Equal Employment Opportunity, and General Investigator. The site also includes a Career Interest Guide section which allows you to select an occupation based on your interests or based upon a career area.

B. State Government


Provides information on state and local government describing the nature of the industry, related occupations, working conditions, earnings and outlook for the industry.


This site includes several links to state and local government home pages and related web sites, such as state administrative agencies, categorized by topic (e.g., Drug, Education, Health, Housing, Labor, etc.)


Contains links to state government resources for all the US states, as well as to associations dealing with state and government municipalities and other related sites. It provides a very comprehensive list of links and is a wonderful starting place for conducting research.

National Association of Attorneys General – www.naag.org

Provides access to research, news, and links to the Attorney General’s Office for each state.

The Internet Job Source – www.50statejobs.com

View job listings by industry, including state and local government opportunities, and post a resume on-line. This site contains state and federal government job listings as well as Fortune 500 listings.
State and Local Government on the Net – www.statelocalgov.net

This site provides state government links for all 50 states. Click on the state that interests you and find links to the state home page, Statewide Offices, Legislative branch, Judicial branch, Executive branch, Boards & Commissions, Cities, Counties, Towns, and Libraries for each state. Additional resources are also available on national organizations for state government employees, regional governments, and other related topics. This is a wonderful starting point for locating state government information!

V. Political/Legislative

Contains a discussion of employment opportunities at the House.

HillZoo.com – www.hillzoo.com
This “inside the beltway” site lists positions on and off Capitol Hill for those interested in working on either the Right or the Left.

Opportunities in Public Affairs – www.opajobs.com
This site contains job listings in government affairs, public relations, legislation, print and broadcast journalism on the Hill, and in non-profits, corporations, and federal agencies in the Washington, DC area. Subscription required.

Roll Call – www.rcjobs.com
The Roll Call, one of Capitol Hill’s political newspapers, lists jobs through these pages on its website.

u.s. Senate – www.senate.gov
While the U.S. Senate web site does not contain a specific page on employment opportunities there, this general overview may prove useful to job seekers looking for a comprehensive overview of the entity.

Politico – www.politico.com
Click on “POLITICO JOBS” to find the job listings.
DC Public Affairs + Communications Jobs – publicaffairsjobs.blogspot.com

DC public affairs and communications jobs.

Women in Government Relations – www.wgr.org

Women in government relations.

VII. Health Care


The international organization for healthcare executives. Click on the Career Services tab to search the ACHE job bank and to find a list of healthcare career-related resources. Also check out the Publications section and view the books available on career development. This is a great starting place for information on healthcare management.

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities – www.asbh.org

Provides news articles, resource links, and employment listings.

Health Care Job Store – www.healthcarejobstore.com

This website is an enormous database of all types of healthcare jobs. Search for jobs by job title, get assistance with preparing a healthcare resume, or post your resume in the employer access database.


It contains information about relevant news and publications, listserves, related resources, and a national job bank.

HealthLeaders InterStudy – www.hl-isy.com

This multimedia company provides information to healthcare professionals through its HealthLeaders Magazine, online news, and relevant research.

American College of Healthcare Executives – www.healthmanagementcareers.com

Provides information on what a healthcare executive is and the types of opportunities available within the profession.

Is a national professional membership organization. Its web site offers a Job Bank, lists of executive search firms, and resume-referral services (available to members only).

United States Department of Health and Human Services – www.hhs.gov

It provides information on the various HHS programs and operating divisions. Follow the links to learn more about employment opportunities both for students and graduates.

Medical Group Management Association – www.mgma.org

Offers information on physician practice management. The Job section contains a job bank and other career resources, including salary and internship information.

Modern Healthcare – www.modernhealthcare.com

A great source for current healthcare news and hot topics articles. There is a members-only career center and a page of resources with archived articles, surveys, and lists.


Provides links to specific topics, general and federal resources, and organizations of interest.

VIII. Academic/Legal Education


Facilitates the Faculty Recruiting Conference, at which entry-level candidates meet with law school appointments committees each fall. An older, but still relevant, article providing advice on legal teaching is also included.

The Chronicle – www.chronicle.com

Information about careers in higher education. Has an extensive jobs board.

Jurist: Legal News & Research – jurist.law.pitt.edu

These pages on the Jurist web site, maintained by the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, contain many helpful links for the would-be law professor.

Search jobs in the higher education sector.

[Don't forget to go directly to the employment website of the institution you are interested in.]

IX. Media

American Association of Advertising Agencies – www.aaaa.org

Is a national trade association representing the advertising agency business in the United States. Its membership produces approximately 75 percent of the total advertising volume placed by agencies nationwide.

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication – www.aejmc.org

Is a non-profit, educational association of journalism and mass communication faculty, administrators, students and media professionals.

American Journalism Review – www.ajr.org

Lists news sources and journalism organizations. Also contains a section called “Reporters’ Tools” that lists “reportorial aids from guidelines for searching the Internet to lists of quotable experts, from tips on using public opinion polls to video feeds for television newscasts.”

AllStarJobs.com – www.allstarjobs.com

This site contains links to many media-related job boards.

Business.com – www.business.com

The media and entertainment pages of business.com provide information on corporations in the field.

Berkeley Career Center – career.berkeley.edu/Communications/Communications.stm

Contains a section on communications careers which lists professional organizations and contains articles about careers in advertising, public relations, broadcasting, journalism, publishing, and writing.
Catholic University of America Career Services Office - Media Studies –
guides.lib.cua.edu/media_studies

Provides articles about media careers in general and links to job search sites.

Career Explorer – www.careerexplorer.net

A section of careerexplorer.com focuses on advertising and marketing. The site discusses growth in the field, average salaries, typical jobs in the field, and links to job descriptions.

CollegeGrad.com – www.collegegrad.com/careers

On the main career page, click on “browse by career category,” then click on “Business, Management and Executive Careers.” In this section you can review information on careers in advertising, marketing, promotions, public relations and sales. It contains hiring projections, descriptions of the nature of the work, work environments, necessary training and skills, and statistics.

International Public Relations Association – www.ipra.org

Is an international group of public relations practitioners worldwide, active in promoting the exchange of information and co-operation within the profession, and building a program of professional development opportunities and other initiatives aimed at enhancing the role of public relations in management and international affairs.

I Want Media – www.iwantmedia.com/jobs

This site contains links to media and entertainment job boards and career resources, broken down by industry. For example, the site has separate areas for careers in entertainment, internet, television and radio, etc.

Vocation Information Center – www.khake.com/page43.html

This page serves as a Broadcast Media and Journalism Career Guide. It contains links by job descriptions. Each link generally includes information about job duties, job requirements and training needed, and salary. The site also includes links to media and journalism related sites such as union sites, news sites, and other information.
NationJOB – [www.nationjob.com/media](http://www.nationjob.com/media)

This job-searching tool provides a laundry list of media positions with a focus on publishing.

University of Notre Dame Law School’s Career Services Office - Business and Private Industry – [www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/career/strategies/business.html](http://www.nd.edu/~ndlaw/career/strategies/business.html)

Contains a discussion of alternative careers including a short section on legal publishing houses.

Public Relations Society of America – [www.prsa.org](http://www.prsa.org)

Is the world’s largest organization for public relations professionals. Its nearly 20,000 members, organized into 116 chapters, represent business and industry, technology, counseling firms, government, associations, hospitals, schools, professional services firms and nonprofit organizations.

X. Sports and Entertainment Law

EntertainmentCareers.net – [www.entertainmentcareers.net](http://www.entertainmentcareers.net)

Jobs, Internships and Career Information in the Entertainment Industry. Entertainment jobs and internships listings at Studios, Networks, Production Companies, Record Companies, TV and Radio Stations, VFX, Animation, and Broadcasting.

EntertainmentJobs.com – [www.eej.com](http://www.eej.com)

Entertainment jobs and internships.

FindLaw - Entertainment and Sports Law – [www.findlaw.com/01topics/12entertainsport/index.html](http://www.findlaw.com/01topics/12entertainsport/index.html)

Contains sports and entertainment law resources, including job listings.

The Maslow Media Group – [www.maslowmedia.com](http://www.maslowmedia.com)

Maslow media’s website. Source for locating broadcast, cable, video and film professionals, companies, services and jobs.

Links to all the major studios’ employer/job sites.

ShowBizData – [www.showbizdata.com]

News, information and statistics on Hollywood, including job listings. Job search website for those interested in “showbiz” jobs.

StarvingArtistsLaw.com – [www.starvingartistslaw.com]

The site is actually for artists and writers looking for legal help. There is a link for attorneys to volunteer.

XI. Trade and Professional Associations

National Trade & Professional Associations of the United States Reserve – [HD 2425. D53 (Hardcopy)]

This is an extremely comprehensive listing of the various trade and professional associations in the US. It is organized by a variety of topics including, alphabetical, subject, geographically, and budget, among others.

Associations Yellow Book – [Reference Desk HD 2425. A88 (Hardcopy)]

“Yellow pages”-type information for a lengthy list of associations.

Encyclopedia of Associations – [Reference Desk HS 17. G334 (Hardcopy)]

Encyclopedia-type information about various associations.

American Society of Association Executives and the Center for Leadership – [www.asaecenter.org]

Contains resources of associations and nonprofit professions.

CEO Update – [www.ceoupdate.com]

The source on association and nonprofit executive careers and people