Films and television shows

Are you looking for further inspiration to be a lawyer or work with the legal system? Check out these depictions of attorneys and other officers of the law; several are linked to online versions. Some are inspiring, and others are “what not to do” portrayals. Please feel free to suggest others!

- Perry Mason
- LA Law
- Law and Order
- Boston Legal
- Judge Judy
- **Mutiny on the Bounty** (1935, Charles Laughton, Clark Gable)
- The Life of Emile Zola (1937, Paul Muni)
- Adam's Rib (1949, Katherine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy)
- Intruder in the Dust (1949)
- The Wrong Man (1956, Henry Fonda)
- **Witness for the Prosecution** (1957, Charles Laughton, Tyrone Power, Marlene Dietrich)
- Twelve Angry Men (1957, Henry Fonda, Lee J. Cobb)
- Anatomy of a Murder (1959, James Stewart)
- **Inherit the Wind** (1960, Spencer Tracy, Fredric March, Gene Kelly, Dick York)
- Judgment at Nuremberg (1961, Spencer Tracy, Burt Lancaster)
- **To Kill a Mockingbird** (1962, Gregory Peck)
- A Man for All Seasons (1966, Paul Scofield, Orson Welles, Robert Shaw)
- **The Paper Chase** (1973, John Houseman and a dime)
- **And Justice for All** (1979, Al Pacino)
- The Verdict (1982, Paul Newman)
- **The Star Chamber** (1983, Michael Douglas)
- Jagged Edge (1985, Glenn Close, Jeff Bridges)
- Suspect (1987, Cher)
- Criminal Law (1988, Gary Oldman, Kevin Bacon)
- **True Believer** (1989, James Wood, Robert Downey Jr.)
- Reversal of Fortune (1990, Jeremy Irons, Glenn Close)
- Presumed Innocent (1990, Harrison Ford)
- **A Few Good Men** (1992, Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson)
- Philadelphia (1993, Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington)
- The Pelican Brief (1993, Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington)
- **My Cousin Vinny** (1992, Joe Pesci, Marisa Tomei, Fred Gwynne, and “two yoots”)
- Dead Man Walking (1995, Sean Penn, Susan Sarandon)
- A Time to Kill (1996, Samuel L. Jackson)
- **Primal Fear** (1996, Richard Gere, Edward Norton, Laura Linney)
- Ghosts of Mississippi (1996, Alex Bladwin, Whoopi Goldberg)
- **Amistad** (1997, Anthony Hopkins, Matthew McConaughey, Morgan Freeman)
- **Liar Liar** (1997, Jim Carrey)
• The Devil's Advocate (1997, Al Pacino, Keanu Reeves, Charlize Theron)
• Legally Blonde (2001, Reese Witherspoon)
• Minority Report (2002, Tom Cruise)
• **The Conspirator** (2010, James McAvoy, Robin Wright, Kevin Kline)
• The Lincoln Lawyer (2011, Matthew McConaughey)