



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEGAL EXECUTIVES AND PARALEGALS?

The work that either can do is fundamentally the same.

However, Legal Executives can only work for Solicitors until they qualify and become Fellows of CILEX (Chartered Institute of Legal executives), whereas, paralegals can work for themselves as freelance paralegals or NALP Licensed Paralegals, or can work within legal departments of companies or local authorities, charities and the NHS. Indeed, the day-to-day work of most companies will require some legal element to their activities and these are performed by paralegals.

Legal Executives are regulated, and the governing body is the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives.

Paralegals are currently unregulated and the foremost Paralegal body in England & Wales is NALP (National Association of Licensed Paralegals).