STAFF ATTORNEY—HOUSING

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid seeks a staff attorney to help low-income families facing eviction during the COVID pandemic in its Central Regional and Western Regional Offices. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides free civil legal services to low-income individuals in 65 counties in Illinois. We are committed to providing justice for those whose voices might otherwise not be heard; to empower individuals to advocate for themselves; and to make positive changes in the communities we serve. Our attorneys provide holistic legal advocacy in partnership with community organizations, social service agencies, and faith-based groups.

The staff attorney in this position will provide zealous representation for private, public, and subsidized housing tenants who are facing eviction in St. Clair and Madison Counties. The position is dedicated to preventing homelessness and ensuring safety and stability of residents during the COVID pandemic. The attorney will work with other housing attorneys to establish and maintain relationships with community partners, perform outreach and education, and develop impact advocacy strategies.

Responsibilities include:
- All elements of litigation including client interviewing, investigation, discovery, pleadings, briefs, and representation at hearings at trial level and appellate levels if appropriate
- Actively participate in community outreach and education
- Building relationships with community partners
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:
- Licensed to practice law in Illinois or has requisite credentials for reciprocity
- Previous legal experience, preferably in legal aid
- Strong commitment to social and racial justice
- Demonstrated ability to build relationships and work with people of diverse social, economic, and racial/ethnic backgrounds
- Attention to detail
- Excellent verbal, analytical, writing, and organization skills
- Highly motivated and demonstrated ability to work independently as well as part of a team

Special Working Conditions and Demands:
- Applicants must have reliable transportation, valid driver’s license, and car insurance
- Land of Lincoln Legal Aid attorneys are primarily working from home during the pandemic but must be able to attend court and video conference hearings

Compensation:
$46,000+ with license (depending on experience). Excellent insurance and retirement benefits.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to the following Managing Attorney:

Megan Kinney, mkinney@lincolnlegal.org

Land of Lincoln is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages applications from people of color, persons with disabilities, women, LBGTQIA+, and gender non-conforming applicants.