Staff Attorney and Adjunct Clinical Professor
Land of Lincoln Legal Aid and University of Illinois College of Law

Want to make a difference as an attorney and train the next generation of lawyers? Land of Lincoln Legal Aid seeks a motivated attorney to join us in working with our East Central Illinois Medical Legal Partnership (ECIMLP) in conjunction with Carle and the University of Illinois College of Law.

Through funding provided by the Jerome Mirza Foundation and Carle, Land of Lincoln and the College of Law are launching a Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic to train law students to identify and remedy socio-environmental issues that may be contributing to a patient/client’s poor health outcomes. Poverty increases the level of stress a person is dealing with on a daily basis; food insecurity and violence contribute to poor health outcomes; and the issues facing these individuals and families are often beyond the scope of a medical doctor. The clinic will enable law students to become part of a team of medical, legal, and social work professionals working together to increase the ability of the ECIMLP to assist patient/clients referred by Carle, particularly from the Healthy Beginnings program. The staff attorney/clinical director will be instrumental in helping students become part of the team, learn important client engagement and legal skills, and gain experience handling a variety of legal issues.

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 assist individuals in advocating for themselves; and to make positive changes in collaboration with the communities we serve. Our attorneys provide holistic legal advocacy in partnership with community organizations, social service agencies, and faith-based groups. For more information, see https://lincolnlegal.org/

The University of Illinois College of Law is part of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, one of the nation’s top public research universities. Its mission is to serve as a preeminent site for the study of law, legal institution, and legal culture; to educate its students effectively and comprehensively in legal principles and skills; and to advance justice and the public good. For more information, see https://law.illinois.edu/

Primary Responsibilities include:

- Supervise law students in a clinic setting
- Teach medical-legal partnership clinical course
- Represent clients in a variety of legal settings, including family law, housing, public benefits, and special education matters
• Actively participate in community outreach and education
• Build and maintain relationships with community partners
• Engage with the College of Law and its student body

Qualifications:

**Required**

• Licensed to practice law in Illinois or have requisite credentials for reciprocity
• Three years legal experience
• Experience supervising law students

**Preferred**

• Previous legal experience with poverty law
• Teaching experience, particularly in a clinic setting
• Strong commitment to social and racial justice
• Demonstrated ability to build relationships and work with people of diverse social, economic, and racial/ethnic backgrounds
• Ability to communicate with diverse audiences
• 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
• This is an exempt position and work requirements may periodically extend beyond 40 hours per week
• Applicant must have sufficient home internet bandwidth to attend court and administrative hearings and other meetings by videoconference

Compensation:

$56,000+ with license (depending on experience.) Excellent insurance and retirement benefits.
Land of Lincoln is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages applications from people of color, persons with disabilities, women, LBGTQIA+ gender non-conforming applicants.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to:

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