Lois Wood Law Student Fellowship Program

Want to make a difference this summer? Land of Lincoln Legal Aid seeks a motivated law student to join us as a **Summer Fellow in our Carbondale Office**. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides free civil legal services to low-income individuals in 65 counties in Illinois. We are committed to working for justice with 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.

The law student fellow will assist clients in a variety of substantive areas of law that may include: tenant rights and eviction, sealing and expungement, public benefits, consumer, family law, domestic violence prevention, and foreclosure defense. The fellow may also work with community partners and perform outreach.

**Responsibilities may include:**
- Interview clients and follow up with them by email and telephone
- Draft pleadings, letters, and memorandums of law
- Conduct legal research, investigations, and collect evidence
- Attend court and administrative hearings; if licensed pursuant to Rule 711, may represent clients and engage in negotiation under attorney supervision
- Other duties as assigned

**Qualifications:**
- Completed 1L or 2L year of law school
- 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, with a strong attention to detail

**Special Working Conditions and Demands:**
- Applicants must have reliable transportation, valid driver’s license, and car insurance.
- Applicants must have regular access to a computer and internet.

**Compensation:**
$6000 for 400 hours of work during the summer

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

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

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