

SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY—SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

Are you passionate about justice and holistic legal advocacy? Join Land of Lincoln Legal Aid! We offer competitive pay and relocation assistance for the Springfield Office.

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid seeks a Senior Staff Attorney to assist domestic violence survivors with orders of protection and family law cases, in our Northern Regional Office in Springfield, IL. Land of Lincoln Legal Aid provides free civil legal services to low-income individuals in 65 counties in Illinois. We are committed to seeking 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 senior staff attorney in this position will provide zealous representation for domestic violence survivors who seek orders of protection, divorce, or custody/parental responsibility orders. The position is dedicated to promoting justice and safety for individuals and families affected by abusive situations. The attorney will work with other attorneys, the courts, domestic violence service agencies, and other community partners to promote community safety, 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
- Supervise support staff, less experienced attorneys, and volunteers
- Compliance with organizational rules, policies, and procedures
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Licensed to practice law in Illinois or has requisite credentials for reciprocity;
- Minimum 5 years legal experience; previous legal aid or family law experience a plus
- 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
- Ability to supervise law students, support staff, inexperienced volunteers and/or projects
- Highly motivated and demonstrated ability to work independently as well as part of a team
- Computer proficiency required

Special Working Conditions and Demands:

Applicants must have reliable transportation, valid driver's license, and car insurance

Compensation

\$85,000/year and up; competitive pay depending on experience. Generous relocation assistance available. Excellent leave, insurance and retirement benefits; including health, dental, vision, retirement plan, bar dues, MCLE requirements and other ancillary programs. Land of Lincoln is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit and is an eligible employer for the public service loan forgiveness program.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Managing Attorney Melinda Hubele c/o: bstrumpher@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.



