



Breaking Barriers to Justice

STAFF ATTORNEY—CONSUMER AND PUBLIC BENEFITS

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid seeks a staff attorney to help low-income families and individuals with consumer and public benefits cases in its Central Regional Office located in East St. Louis, IL. 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 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.

The staff attorney in this position will provide zealous representation to consumers in collection matters and in various public benefits matters, including Illinois Department of Employment Security appeals, Social Security Disability and SSI, and government benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, etc. The attorney will work with other Land of Lincoln 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; settlement and negotiation where appropriate
- Actively participate in community outreach and education
- Build relationships with community partners
- Supervise support staff and law students
- 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

Compensation:

\$75,000+ with license (depending on experience). Excellent insurance and retirement benefits; excellent leave benefits. 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:

Megan Kinney, Managing Attorney, 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.