



Breaking Barriers to Justice

STAFF ATTORNEY—Western Regional Office (Alton, IL)

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid seeks two (2) staff attorneys to represent clients in the following areas of law: eviction, sealing and expungement of criminal records, and public benefits (e.g. Social Security, SNAP, etc.). Candidates may express a preference for certain areas of law, subject to the office's needs. These positions are in our Western Regional Office (Alton, 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.

These staff attorneys will provide zealous representation in litigation, applicable mediation programs, and/or administrative hearings. The attorneys will work with colleagues 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, 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, and volunteers
- Highly motivated and demonstrated ability to work independently or 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:

\$75,000+ with license (depending on experience). Excellent insurance and retirement benefits. Land of Lincoln is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and is an eligible employer for the federal public service loan forgiveness program.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to the following Managing Attorney:
Chelsea Hubbard, chubbard@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.