



Breaking Barriers to Justice

STAFF ATTORNEY

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid seeks a Staff Attorney to assist domestic violence survivors with orders of protection and family law cases in the Western Regional Office in Alton, Illinois. The Staff Attorney will be required to travel to a satellite office in Quincy, Illinois (or its surrounding counties) a few times per week for court and coordination with local Land of Lincoln colleagues. Land of Lincoln 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 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 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, Quanaa, Ascend Justice, and other community partners to promote community safety, perform outreach and education, and develop impact advocacy strategies.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Handle 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
- Build and maintain relationships with community partners
- Compliance with organizational rules, policies and procedures
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Licensed to practice law in Illinois or has requisite credentials for reciprocity
- Litigation experience (3-5 years + preferred); 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
- Excellent verbal, analytical, writing, and organizational skills
- Ability to supervise law students, support staff, volunteers and/or projects
- 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. Applicants must have reliable home internet capable of supporting video conferencing.

Compensation: \$75,000 - \$100,000 (depending on experience). Generous relocation assistance available. 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 programs.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to: Chelsea Hubbard, Managing Attorney of Western Regional Office at chubbard@lincolnlegal.org.

Land of Lincoln is an equal opportunity employer and strongly encourages applications from people of color, persons with disabilities, women, LBGTQIA+ gender non-conforming individuals, and people with life experiences or educational backgrounds that add to our diversity and our capacity to provide high quality legal aid.