

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.

Land of Lincoln Legal Aid seeks a staff attorney to represent low-income people in our Southern Regional Office in Carbondale, Illinois. The staff attorney will provide zealous representation for our clients in various legal matters which could include housing, consumer law, domestic violence work, family law, and expungement/sealing cases. The attorney will work with other attorneys, the courts, and other community partners to promote our work, perform outreach and education, and develop impact advocacy strategies.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- 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 preferred, legal aid experience a plus
- Commitment to social 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
- Home broadband internet sufficient for videoconferencing

Compensation: \$75,000 - \$100,000 (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 programs.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to: Lana Crawford, Senior Supervisory Attorney of the Southern Regional Office at lcrawford@lincolnlegal.org.

Land of Lincoln is an equal opportunity employer and 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.