

The Peoria County Public Defender's Office is seeking criminal defense attorneys to fill both contract and staff positions as assistant public defenders. The positions are open to all experience levels, from recent graduates awaiting bar results to felony attorneys with years of experience. The successful candidate will be eligible for a 711 license or licensed to practice law in Illinois and should be able to demonstrate an interest in representation of the indigent.

The caseload will depend on the candidate's experience and interest, and ranges from traffic to felony. Job responsibilities include meeting with clients, conducting plea negotiations, bench and jury trials, and assisting with detention hearings. A successful applicant must be skilled in trial advocacy, communication, legal research, and have both the ability and desire to zealously advocate for our clients.

The Office provides a positive and supportive work environment with opportunities for ongoing training, encourages a work-life balance, and offers an aggressive salary commensurate with experience. Salary and compensation package for staff attorneys includes medical, dental, and vision insurance, and participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund pension program. Staff attorneys also qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

Salary range for entry-level staff attorneys begins at \$68,000, and for experienced attorneys begins at \$83,000 and is dependent upon years licensed, qualifications, and experience.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Kristen Collins, 324 Main St., Room G4, Peoria, IL, 61602, or via email to publicdefender@peoriacounty.gov.

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