

The Peoria County Public Defender's Office is seeking criminal defense attorneys to fill staff attorney positions. We encourage anyone with a passion for indigent defense to apply. Whether you have recently been admitted to the bar or are a long-licensed attorney with practical experience, **send us your resume!**

The successful candidate will value personal integrity and respect, and must be able to demonstrate an interest in representation of the indigent.

Why work with us? Because we offer a desirable salary and excellent benefits, provide mentorship and training unlike anywhere else, and offer a true team environment in a collegial atmosphere. Job responsibilities include meeting with clients, conducting plea negotiations, regular court appearances, acting as lead counsel in bench and jury trials, and assisting with detention hearings. A successful applicant should be assertive, skilled in trial advocacy and legal research, and have both the ability and desire to zealously advocate for our clients.

The compensation package for staff attorneys includes topnotch medical, dental, and vision insurance with HSA/FSA options, a wellness program, generous PTO – vacation, sick, and personal days – and participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) pension program. Staff attorneys may also qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. Starting salary for entry level attorneys begins at \$75,000 coupled with a desirable fringe benefit package and increases based on experience.

Are you ready to start litigating? If so, send your cover letter, resume, references, and proof of admission to the Illinois Bar to Kristen Collins, 324 Main St., Room G4, Peoria, IL, 61602, or via email to publicdefender@peoriacounty.gov.

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