

"The Peoria County Public Defender's Office is seeking criminal defense attorneys to fill staff positions as assistant public defenders. We are specifically searching for attorneys with 0 to 3 years of experience but encourage anyone with a passion for indigent defense to apply! If you are a recent graduate waiting to be sworn in or a licensed attorney with some practical experience, send us your resume. The successful candidate will be eligible for a 711 license or be licensed to practice law in Illinois, value personal integrity and respect, and be able to demonstrate an interest in representing the indigent.

Why work with us? We offer a desirable salary and excellent benefits, provide mentorship that you won't find just anywhere, and offer a true team environment in a collegial atmosphere. Job responsibilities include meeting with clients, participating in plea negotiations, conducting bench and jury trials, and assisting with detention hearings. A successful applicant should be skilled in trial advocacy, effective communication, legal research, and have both the ability and desire to zealously advocate for our clients.

The Office provides opportunities for ongoing training, strongly encourages a work-life balance, and offers an aggressive salary. The compensation package for staff attorneys includes medical, dental, and vision insurance with HSA/FSA options, generous PTO, and participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) pension program. Staff attorneys may also qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

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

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