

NICOLE C. MANNEN, J.D.

Bar Admission: Illinois | **Languages:** English & Spanish | **Contact:** Nicole.Mannen@mcleancountyil.gov 217.898.6353

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **McLean County Public Defender's Office (2021-Present)**
 - Felony Division - Assistant Public Defender (2023-Present)*
 - Misdemeanor Division - Assistant Public Defender (2022-2023)*
 - Traffic Division - Assistant Public Defender (2021-2022)*
 - 711 Licensed Advocate (2021)*
 - Represented indigent clients in all stages of criminal litigation in the trial courts. Handled numerous jury and bench trials in felony, misdemeanor, and traffic courtrooms, participated in substantial motion practice, and negotiated and resolved cases on behalf of clients.

- **Jackson County State's Attorney's Office (2020-2021)**
 - 711 Licensed Advocate*
 - Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda, drafted post-conviction briefs & represented the State during preliminary hearings.

- **U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois, Urbana Division (2019)**
 - Judicial Extern*
 - Drafted orders, memos, reports and recommendations, and conducted legal research.

- **The Immigration Project (2017)**
 - Case Intern*
 - Interacted with diverse clientele at reception, organized and prioritized client intake screenings, translated letters and other documents for attorneys and Spanish-speaking clients.

- **Immigration Detention Project (2018-2020)**
 - Clerk*
 - Conducted client intakes at the detention center and entered information in the client intake database for the NIJC.

EDUCATION

- **Southern Illinois University School of Law**
 - Juris Doctor – Cum Laude (Conferred May 2021)*
 - GPA: 3.5
 - Specialization: International & Immigration Law
 - *SIU Law Journal* Note Editor & Staffer
 - Dean's List
 - Academic Honor's Program
 - Bartylack Public Interest Fellowship
 - ISBA Public Service Award recipient (Student Division)
 - Teaching Assistant (for Professor Cindy G. Buys)
 - Research Assistant (for Professor Jennifer Brobst)
 - President of the International & Immigration Law Society
 - Secretary of the Women's Law Forum
 - Created Virtual DACA Clinic within the Immigration Project

- **Illinois State University**
 - Bachelor of Arts, Major in History & Minors in Political Science & Spanish (Conferred: December 2017)*
 - GPA: 3.2