

November 25, 2024
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
First Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois
Saline County, Illinois

POSITION:	First Assistant Public Defender – Saline County, Illinois
EMPLOYER:	Saline County Office of the Public Defender
OFFICE:	Harrisburg, Illinois
BENEFITS:	An attractive benefits package is offered, including IMRF pension, medical, dental, vision and life insurance, as well as deferred compensation and generous leave time.
SALARY:	Salary will be commensurate with experience in the range of \$100,000.00 to \$110,000.00

JOB DESCRIPTION: Saline County’s brand-new Office of the Public Defender is hiring a First Assistant Public Defender. If you are looking for a challenging career as a trial attorney with a busy trial docket and an opportunity to help build this new office from the ground floor, then this opportunity may be right for you.

The job duties for this position involve providing legal representation to indigent individuals primarily in the areas of criminal, quasi-criminal, and juvenile litigation proceedings. This full-time position includes the representation of clients in felony, misdemeanor, traffic, juvenile, mental health commitment, post-conviction, Sexually Dangerous and Violent Persons, and criminal contempt proceedings and related matters, as assigned by the Saline County Circuit Court. The First Assistant will work closely with the Chief Public Defender on all aspects of case management, including overall strategy, as well as on office management and personnel matters.

Applicants should have recent experience handling all aspects of felony criminal work, including jury trial experience. Applicants must also have strong research, writing, and negotiation skills, the ability to work well with others, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to public service and the representation of individuals who are unable to afford legal counsel. Candidates must hold a JD from an ABA-accredited law school, and be duly licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois and be in good standing with the ARDC.

Saline County’s criminal docket is busy and efficiently run. Saline County is located in southeastern Illinois near the beautiful Shawnee National Forest. It is approximately an hour’s drive to Marion, Illinois, Paducah, Kentucky, and Evansville, Indiana, and is just over two hours to St. Louis, Missouri.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please email a cover letter and resume to D. Brian Smith, Chief Public Defender, at judgesoffice@salinecounty.illinois.gov.

Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2024

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