

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

<b>POSITION:</b>	<b>Second Assistant Public Defender – Saline County, Illinois</b>
<b>EMPLOYER:</b>	<b>Saline County Office of the Public Defender</b>
<b>OFFICE:</b>	<b>Harrisburg, Illinois</b>
<b>BENEFITS:</b>	<b>An attractive benefits package is offered, including IMRF pension, medical, dental, vision and life insurance, as well as deferred compensation and generous leave time.</b>
<b>SALARY:</b>	<b>Salary will be commensurate with experience in the range of \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00</b>

**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.

Applicants should 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.

This is an excellent opportunity to gain immediate felony and trial experience. 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](mailto:judgesoffice@salinecounty.illinois.gov).

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

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