



Pathways to Join

THE PUBLIC DEFENDER FAMILY

LAW STUDENT VOLUNTEER:

- Law student volunteers can participate during spring, summer or fall
- Typically a 6-12 week assignment (minimum 4 weeks)
- At least 12 hours per week
- Applicants must be currently enrolled in an accredited law school, or be a graduate of an accredited law school, but not yet licensed as an Illinois attorney.

PRE-LICENSED ATTORNEY:

- Opportunity for law students and law school graduates to become an Assistant Public Defender I (APD I) by working as a Pre-Licensed Assistant Public Defender
- Must be enrolled in an accredited law school with 54 credit hours completed; or have graduated with a JD from an accredited law school preparing to take the Illinois bar or awaiting Illinois bar results, but not yet licensed as an Illinois attorney
- Must obtain Illinois law license within 1 year of start date, to become an APD I

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER I:

- Recent law graduates who have been admitted to practice law in Illinois can join our office as an APD I
- Must have graduated from an accredited school of law; or be licensed to practice law in Illinois or obtain law license by the time of the interview

FIGHT FOR JUSTICE EVERY DAY

- Competitive Salary
- Strong Benefits Package
- Extensive Training Program
- Well-Established Union
- Opportunities for Career Growth

Varied Practice:

- Criminal defense
- Traffic
- Juvenile defense
- Family defense (Civil)
- Early representation for people in police custody
- Immigration
- Forensic sciences litigation
- Select appellate & post-conviction

Check for Openings!



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