

17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT POSTING FOR SERVICES

BOONE COUNTY ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER (CONFLICT COUNSEL)

The Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court is seeking a qualified attorney to serve as conflict counsel on a contract basis for cases in which the Boone County Public Defender's Office has a legal conflict and cannot provide representation. This is an independent contractor position beginning in **July 2025**, with a two-year term.

LOCATION: Boone County – Belvidere, Illinois

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

The selected applicant will serve as an independent contractor pursuant to agreed terms and conditions, and will operate within parameters established by the Office of the Chief Judge. Conflict counsel shall represent parties in cases where the Judiciary of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court determines that representation by the Boone County Public Defender's Office is not appropriate due to a conflict.

- Caseloads will be determined by the acceptance of any and all matters assigned by the Court.
- Assignments may include:
 - Pending felony cases
 - Misdemeanor and traffic matters
 - Juvenile cases
 - Post-trial representation
 - Probation violation hearings
 - Post-conviction proceedings
- No guarantee is made as to a minimum or maximum caseload.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- Must possess a valid license to practice law in the State of Illinois
- Must be in good standing with the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (ARDC)
- Demonstrated experience in criminal and juvenile court matters, including post-conviction proceedings, is required

- Must maintain:
 - All applicable professional licenses
 - Professional liability insurance

COMPENSATION:

Up to \$4,166.66 per month commensurable with experience. No Benefits. Independent contractor is responsible for all state, local and federal tax obligations and the maintenance of all office and equipment expenses.

APPLICANTS SHOULD SEND RESUME AND COVER LETTER ELECTRONICALLY TO:

Thomas R. Jakeway, Trial Court Administrator
Office of the Chief Judge
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EXPIRATION: May 9, 2025