

**Logan County Circuit Court
Eleventh Judicial Circuit (IL)**

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Position:	Logan County Public Defender
Location:	Lincoln, IL
FY 2026 Salary:	\$159,147.28
Opening Date:	July 15, 2026
Closing Date:	August 12, 2026 (all applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the closing date – items not received by the deadline will not be considered)
Starting Date:	On or after October 1, 2026 (or TBD)

POSITION OVERVIEW:

Under judicial and executive direction, plans, directs, and provides administrative oversight of the activities of Public Defender's Office for Logan County. Responsibilities also include preparing the annual office budget; hiring and evaluating professional staff; preparing grant applications and overseeing grant activities; and performing complex defense litigation cases. Considerable professional and managerial independence, discretion, judgment, and latitude are applied in carrying out responsibilities of the position. Inherent in the work is the requirement of considerable tact and coordination with the court, other justice system departments, law enforcement agencies, other governmental agencies, private organizations, and the public. Work is reviewed by the Chief Circuit Judge for results in achieving departmental goals and objectives, and conformance to professional legal principles and practices, and the laws of the State of Illinois. Budgeting and financial auditing are reviewed by the appropriate subcommittee of the Logan County Board.

Please note: This position will be under the supervision of the State Public Defender effective January 1, 2027 – see P.A. 104-0300.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

This is a supervisory/management job classification, providing oversight and direction to professional legal and office support staff.

MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from an accredited law school; and substantial experience in preparing and trying cases before the courts, including experience as a lead or supervisory attorney; or any equivalent combination of education and experience that would provide the above noted knowledge, skills and abilities.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

Licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois.

TO APPLY:

Candidates must submit a letter of interest, professional resume with complete work history, names and contact information of several professional references via mail or email to:

Judge Jonathan Wright
Logan County Courthouse
601 Broadway Street
Lincoln, IL 61701

Or via email to:

circuitcourt@mcleancountyil.gov

Deadline for application is: **August 12, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.**

This position is appointed by a majority vote of all Circuit Judges of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit as provided under 55 ILCS 5/3-4004.