



STAFF ATTORNEY HIRING

Position: The EP is seeking a full-time attorney to litigate post-conviction claims on behalf of our clients. This role offers extensive opportunity to act as a lead attorney in cases through all phases of litigation and to work collaboratively with other lawyers in the EP.

We are looking for self-starters, persuasive writers, creative thinkers, effective communicators and collaborators, and people who are passionate about advocating for the rights of those wrongfully convicted and imprisoned. Our litigation includes extensive factual investigations and often complex written legal arguments. Courtroom advocacy is also a critical component of our work: EP attorneys routinely litigate complex motions, hearings, and retrials.

The EP is a free legal clinic at the University of Chicago Law School dedicated to representation of the wrongfully convicted. We are a client-centered, nimble advocacy organization that aspires to produce the best possible legal outcome for our clients. An ideal attorney must be client-focused, motivated, and able to work creatively and independently. Our attorneys are busy while consistently delivering effective work product.

We are seeking an attorney who could lead investigations, prepare for hearings or trial, and litigate cases primarily in the Chicago area. The position is based in the EP's West Loop office (Fulton Market area) in Chicago. Some travel is required.

The salary for this position is commensurate with experience.

Qualifications: Candidates must hold a J.D. and be a member in good standing of the Illinois State Bar by the time of their hire or eligible for prompt admission. Ideally, we are seeking an attorney with 4+ years of relevant litigation experience, criminal and/or post-conviction experience strongly preferred. Spanish-speaking ability is a plus.

Application Process: To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, a minimum of two references, and a sample of your writing to apply@exonerationproject.org with the subject line "EP Staff Attorney Position" Applications will be considered on a rolling basis starting immediately. The position is available until filled.

The Exoneration Project has a strong commitment to providing exemplary representation to our diverse client community and creating an inclusive workplace environment welcoming to people of all backgrounds. We strongly encourage applications from people of color, people of all genders and sexual orientations, people with disabilities, and people historically underrepresented in the practice of law.