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Student Summer Law Intern Opportunity

Summer 2025 Sangamon County State's Attorney Summer Internship Program

Job Description:

The Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office is seeking applications from law students to serve as summer interns. Summer interns have the opportunity for hands-on experience in the criminal justice system. Law interns have the opportunity to gain valuable insight into the criminal justice system, including litigation, research, and writing experience in a rewarding and fast-paced environment. The State's Attorney's Office is a high volume office. The office has approximately 50 employees spread over several divisions including Criminal Felony Division, Traffic and Misdemeanor Division, Juvenile Division, and Civil Division. Sangamon County also has specialized treatment courts for drug addiction and mental illness, along with a veterans treatment court. This is an unpaid position. Class credit may be available depending on your school.

Ideal candidates have demonstrated high academic success, possess strong research and writing skills, and most importantly have a passion for public service.

*Supreme Court Rule 711 Internship *Law students after 2L year*

Law students who have received a temporary license under Supreme Court Rule 711 have the opportunity to represent Sangamon County under the supervision of a licensed attorney. 711 interns appear in traffic court, negotiate with defendants, and prosecute cases at trial. There are also opportunities for research and assisting licensed attorneys in motion hearings. Interns selected for 711 positions may be compensated.

In addition to experiences within the courthouse, the State's Attorney's Office coordinates with community partners such as the FBI, the Illinois State Police, and local law enforcement to provide insight into criminal investigations.

Location Information: The Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office is located in Springfield, Illinois. The county has approximately 200,000 residents and Springfield is the state capital. Along with being the seat of state and county government Springfield and Sangamon County have a thriving medical district, strong agriculture presence, good public and private schools, and is a great community to raise a family.

How to Apply: Applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to State's Attorney John Milhiser at john.milhiser@sangamonil.gov.