



United States Probation Office
Southern District of Illinois
CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Position: Probation Clerk

Location: East St. Louis, IL

Announcement Number: 2012 - 2

Salary: CL 23/01 - \$31,009 – CL 24/61 - \$55,864

Date Posted: September 5, 2012

Closing Date: September 17, 2012

The United States Probation Office for the Southern District of Illinois is seeking qualified applicants for one full-time permanent position of Probation Clerk, with a starting salary ranging from \$31,009 (CL 23/01) to \$55,864 (CL 23/61), depending upon experience, education, and skill. The incumbent provides administrative support to the officers.

Representative Duties

- Formats, types, and edits reports developed by officers, often within a short time period. Reports include presentence reports, pretrial services reports, violations reports, and preliminary interview reports for the court. Independently, or with direction, prepares petitions, orders, and papers essential to pretrial services, probation and parole supervision. Prepares other letters, memoranda, recurring reports, and forms. Composes routine correspondence for officers.
- Organizes and prepares new case files for officers' use in accordance with established case management procedures. Enters supervision case file and statistical data into automated databases. Prepares and maintains investigative files and enters data into case tracking system. Makes entries to chronological records in supervision case files, either from direct communication or from information provided by the officer
- Scans, stores and transmits data electronically to the Federal Bureau of Prisons, U.S. Sentencing Commission, Federal judges, and attorneys. Scans and electronically stores case file records.
- Receives and routes incoming mail, deliveries and facsimile transmissions, and serves as receptionist.
- Answers and screens telephone calls and visitors. Answers routine questions and refers persons to officers or to appropriate departments. Directs persons reporting from prison or from court as to officer assignment and reporting procedures. Prepares conditions of probation.
- Provides administrative support following established procedures and serves as a backup to other support staff.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Job Requirements

- The ability to type 40-45 words per minute
- Knowledge of standard office equipment/copying machines, office procedures, practices, and processes
- A thorough knowledge of spelling, punctuation, and proper grammar usage
- Skill in using personal computers and use of computer software

- Excellent time management skills, accuracy, ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously, and attention to detail
- Ability to organize work to meet recurring deadlines and to multi-task
- Ability to work in fast paced, high volume office
- Team oriented and display a great attitude

Qualification Standards

To qualify for the minimum entry level salary, applicant must be a high school graduate or the equivalent, with at least two years general experience. For placement at salary levels above minimum up to and including step 25, (considering court preferred skills and an evaluation of quality of experience), at least one year specialized experience. These requirements are according to the AO classification, compensation, and recruitment systems.

General Experience - Progressively responsible clerical, office, or other work which indicates the possession of or the ability to acquire the particular knowledge and skills needed to perform the duties of the position.

Specialized Experience - Progressively responsible clerical experience requiring the regular and recurring application of clerical procedures involving the routine use of computer skills and use of specialized terminology, and demonstrated ability to apply a body of rules, regulations, directives, or laws. General knowledge of the criminal justice system and specific knowledge of pretrial services, probation, and parole procedures, and the supervision process.

Experience Substitutions - Excess specialized experience may be substituted for required general experience.

Educational Substitutions - Education above the high school level may be substituted for required general experience on the basis of 1 academic year (30 semester or 45 quarter hours) equals 9 months of experience.

Benefits

Employees of the U.S. Probation Office are "Excepted Appointments" and considered "At-Will" judicial employees (not civil service) and are subject to a probationary period. Federal benefits include paid vacation and sick leave, health benefits and life insurance, disability insurance and long-term care, retirement benefits, and a Tax-deferred savings plan. This position is subject to mandatory electronic funds transfer (direct deposit) participation for payment of net pay.

Procedures for Applying

Submit a cover letter, AO 78 Standard Application Form, resume, copies of your last two performance evaluations and a copy of any college transcripts to:

U.S. Probation Office, Southern District of Illinois
Attn: Barbara McDowell, Human Resources – Confidential
650 Missouri Avenue, Room 103
East St. Louis, IL 62201

To obtain an AO 78 Application Form, visit our web page at: <http://www.ilsp.uscourts.gov> or call the Career Opportunity Phone Line at (618)482-9391 to request one be mailed to you.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or eligible to work in the United States. Selection will be made consistent with the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Plan adopted by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. Candidates selected for interviews will be required to participate in appropriate proficiency testing as part of the screening process. As a condition of employment, the candidate selected for this position will be fingerprinted and will be subject to and must successfully complete a background investigation with law enforcement agencies.

Due to the volume of applications received, the US Probation Office will only communicate with those applicants who will be tested or interviewed.

The U.S. Probation Office reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, or to withdraw the announcement, any of which may occur without prior written or other notice. In the event that a position becomes vacant in a similar classification, within a reasonable time of the original announcement, the Chief U.S. Probation Officer may elect to select a candidate from the applicants who responded to the original announcement without posting the position. Employees are required to adhere to a Code of Ethics and Conduct which is available to applicants for review upon request.

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