



EXONERATION PROJECT
ATTORNEY POSITION

About the Exoneration Project: The Exoneration Project (EP) represents individuals who have been convicted of crimes of which they are innocent. We investigate and litigate post-conviction cases with the goal of exonerating the wrongfully convicted. The EP has a unique, collaborative structure: it operates as a clinic at the University of Chicago Law School and is staffed with attorneys and legal workers from the national civil rights law firm Loevy & Loevy.

Website: <https://www.exonerationproject.org/>

Job Description: The EP is seeking a full-time attorney to litigate post-conviction claims on our clients' behalf. The position offers extensive opportunities to act as lead litigator in cases through all phases of litigation and to work collaboratively with other lawyers in the EP. Ideal candidates are strong writers, creative thinkers, effective communicators and collaborators, independent in their work, and passionate about advocating for the rights of people wrongfully imprisoned. EP attorneys routinely participate in complex evidentiary hearings and retrials, so courtroom advocacy is a critical component of our work. Attorneys at the EP participate in all other aspects of the case too, including conducting investigations, filing pleadings in court, arguing motions, handling court appearances, writing appellate briefs, maintaining attorney-client communications, and making strategic decisions in the best interest of the client.

The EP is a client-centered, nimble advocacy organization that aspires to produce the best possible legal outcome for our clients. As a staff, we accomplish work quickly and efficiently and do whatever justice demands for our clients. For this reason, an ideal attorney must be client-focused, motivated, and able to work independently. Attorneys can expect to be very busy but must also be able to deliver exceptional work product.

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. Post-conviction litigation experience and/or criminal or civil rights litigation experience is preferred, but not required. We are seeking an attorney with superior qualifications and references. Spanish-speaking ability is an asset but not required.



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. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis starting immediately. The position is available until filled.

Exoneration Project Hiring Policies:

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.