



PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES

Equal Access to Justice

VOLUNTEER TELEPHONE COUNSELING ATTORNEYS NEEDED !

Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. is a non-profit law firm that provides free civil legal aid to low-income people and seniors who have legal issues affecting their basic human needs. Prairie State has 11 offices serving 36 counties in northern and central Illinois. Visit our website at www.pslegal.org to learn more about our services.



CALLING ALL ATTORNEYS!

**Want to make a difference in someone's life
with just one phone call?**

Prairie State Legal Services has the perfect opportunity for you! Come volunteer as a telephone counseling attorney! Volunteer attorneys provide brief advice and referral services only. No in court or extended representation required. These are clients who Prairie State is otherwise unable to serve, so your involvement can truly make a difference in their lives.

What will I do as a telephone counseling attorney volunteer and how much time will it take?

Volunteer attorneys give one-time individualized telephone advice to pre-screened clients about landlord/tenant law, consumer law, contracts, family law, public benefits and other legal issues. Volunteers call back the client, give legal advice specific to the client's problem, and document their advice and time. All follow up communication with the client is handled by Prairie State staff.

Volunteers may call the clients from the convenience of their home or office, or from the volunteer's nearest local Prairie State office. Volunteers must work one shift, any day of their choosing, during Prairie State's regular telephone counseling hours, Monday – Thursday, 9 am- 2 pm. Volunteers make *approximately* three to four calls per shift. All volunteer service is covered by Prairie State's malpractice insurance.

Do I need experience?

NO! Attorneys with *all* levels of experience are welcome. Whether you are retired, inactive, a stay at home parent, have an out of state license, or are actively practicing law but have a few hours a month to volunteer, we would love to have you join us. We provide the training, instruction, and staff support to help you help our clients.

How do I get started?

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Matre, at 630-690-3313 or cmatre@pslegal.org for more information.