

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Guardian ad Litem for the 38th Judicial Circuit

Purpose of Position:

This part-time position will provide legal services for children under the jurisdiction of the Christian County Juvenile Office for child abuse/neglect, delinquency, and status matters pending in Christian County. Such services shall include but not be limited to preparing for, attending and making recommendations at hearings involving the juvenile. Attorney will be expected to conform to the Missouri Standards for Guardians ad Litem. The power to supervise the duties to be performed by Attorney and the manner of performing such duties shall be exercised by the Juvenile Court Judge and the Presiding Judge.

This is a part-time contract position with no benefits. Attorney will not be an employee of Christian County. Annual salary is \$40,000.00 payable in equal monthly amounts. The position will be effective December 1, 2026.

Requirements:

A Juris Doctorate degree from an accredited school of law and a license in good standing to practice law in the State of Missouri is required. Experience in the areas of juvenile and family law is required, as well as knowledge of Missouri statutes, in particular the Juvenile Code, and Supreme Court Rules, in particular rules of civil and criminal procedure, and practice and procedure in Christian County Juvenile Court. The position requires average computer skills in data entry, word processing, and modification of standardized forms as necessary. The applicant must have and maintain a valid driver's license and satisfactory driving record and must meet the minimum age requirement of 21 years.

Application:

The application will consist of a letter detailing your interest in and qualifications for the position with an accompanying CV and three letters of reference. Applications may be mailed to Perry Barnes, Chief Juvenile Officer, 102 W Walnut Street, Ozark, Missouri 65721 or emailed to Perry.Barnes@courts.mo.gov. For questions or additional information, contact the Christian County Juvenile Office. To assure consideration, applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 9, 2026.

Christian County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the County will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities.