Local and State Bar Associations: Join bar associations in Illinois to obtain a wealth of information and networking opportunities. Some bar associations offer professional development programs, social events and job search assistance.

Illinois State Bar Association       www.isba.org/
Chicago Bar Association            www.chicagobar.org/AM/Template.cfm
Cook County Bar Association         www.cookcountybar.org

Local and State Publications: Newspapers contain job ads and can give you a feel for current business environment.

Chicago Tribune                   www.chicagotribune.com/
Chicago Daily Law Bulletin         www.chicagolawbulletin.com/
Crain’s Chicago Business           www.chicagobusiness.com/
Chicago Sun Times                  www.suntimes.com/
Illinois Lawyer Now               iln.isba.org/
Illinois Bar Journal              www.isba.org/ibj
Illinois Courts Bulletin          www.isba.org/icb

Professional Legal Associations: Make networking contacts and meet local attorneys.

Cook County Bar Association        cookcountybar.org/
Women’s Bar Association of Illinois www.wbaillinois.org

Job Fairs: Potential job and networking opportunities.

Loyola Patent Law Interview Program www.luc.edu/law/career/patent_students.html

Job Boards: General job posting sites.

Chicago Jobs                       www.chicajobs.com/
Jobs in Chicago                     www.jobsinchicago.com/
Craig’s List                        chicago.craigslist.org/jji/
Hieros Gamos                       www.hg.org/legal_jobs_illinois.asp

Public Interest Organizations in Massachusetts: For additional organizations, visit www.psjd.org.

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services   www.cvls.org/
Public Interest Law Initiative     www.pili-law.org/
Illinois Pro Bono                  www.illinoisprobono.org/
Illinois Legal Aid                 www.illinoislegalaid.org/
**State Courts and Government Employment:** Jobs are listed on city, county and state official web pages.

Illinois State Courts [www.state.il.us/court/default.asp](http://www.state.il.us/court/default.asp)
Cook County Government [www.cookcountygov.com](http://www.cookcountygov.com)

**Legal Recruiters:** You have nothing to lose, but never pay a fee for legal recruiters as a job seeker.

Chicago Legal Search [chicagolegalsearch.com](http://chicagolegalsearch.com)
Zenner Consulting Group [www.lawposition.com](http://www.lawposition.com)
McCormack Schreiber [www.thelawrecruiters.com](http://www.thelawrecruiters.com)
Gunther Group [www.gunthergroup.net](http://www.gunthergroup.net)

**Reciprocity:** Between December and July, you may request reciprocity (through the CDO) with a participating law school in Illinois to visit their career services office and access their job postings. Each law school sets its own reciprocity policy; therefore, certain law schools may not allow for access to their job postings to individuals other than their own students and alumni. To find out the reciprocity policy of a particular law school, visit: [www.nalp.org](http://www.nalp.org) (click on “Professional Resources” and “Career Services”). Reciprocity is usually available for only 3 months. Also, you may only request one law school for reciprocity purposes when job searching in a large metropolitan area. If you are planning to study for the bar in Illinois, let the CDO know and we can initiate a reciprocity request for you.

Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago
DePaul University College of Law, Chicago
Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago
Northern Illinois University College of Law, DeKalb
Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago
Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale

**The Intercollegiate Job Bank:**

This is an online database maintained by Brigham Young University Law School. The Intercollegiate Job Bank contains job postings from a large number of law schools throughout the country, including law schools in Illinois. The site is updated monthly. To access the site, visit the CDO website at: [www.law.miami.edu/cdo](http://www.law.miami.edu/cdo) (click on “CDO Resources” and “Useful Online Resources” and “Intercollegiate Job Bank”). The site is password protected. Please contact the CDO for the username and password.

**Starting Salaries in Illinois:** *

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**Number of Firms in Chicago:** **

336 Firms with 2-9 Lawyers
80 Firms with 10-24 Lawyers
27 Firms with 25-49 Lawyers
27 Firms with 50-99 Lawyers

**University of Miami School of Law Alumni Working in Private Practice in Chicago:** **

There are currently 111 UM alumni working in the private sector in Chicago, Illinois. To locate alumni, go to [www.martindale.com](http://www.martindale.com) and click on “Advanced Search.” Then, insert all relevant information, including “Law School Attended.”

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