

Federal government and courts reporter

Location: Unspecified

Job Grade: Non-Exempt

Salary Range: \$65,000-\$75,000 plus benefits

Job description:

Capitol News Illinois seeks a reporter who can cover Illinois' relationship to the federal government, focusing on courtroom developments and the Illinois congressional delegation. The ideal candidate understands how courts interact with legislatures and states interact with the feds. They'd cover the attorney general, federal courthouses and, in the right scenario, Illinois' members of Congress.

The right candidate would be able to work with interns, which may include editing copy and working with the existing editing team to formulate story ideas. The reporter will work on stories that help explain policy and court decisions. The beat would be a mix of daily turns, enterprise stories and perhaps some copy editing support.

We're not specifying the location for this position, which will be remote. The candidate may be in Illinois, but the right candidate living in Washington, D.C. would also be considered.

Qualifications:

1. A working knowledge of the federal government and federal court databases.
2. Experience reporting and writing quickly in a professional, daily deadline setting.
3. Proven ability to generate interesting and diverse coverage ideas and approaches, using new technology, implementing ways to increase audience reach, and utilizing new media.
4. Experience working with student journalists and a willingness to provide guidance is preferred.
5. The ability to use new and evolving processes via computers, web applications, new equipment and software.
6. The candidate must have a bachelor's degree or greater in journalism or related communications field and maintain a social media presence related to the job.

To apply, send a resume and three reporting clips to editors@capitolnewsillinois.com.