



Job Summary

The City of Galesburg is seeking a qualified and dedicated professional to serve as City Attorney, leading all legal services for the municipality. The Attorney serves as a key member of the City's leadership team, developing a comprehensive understanding of the organization and guiding all legal functions. The position serves as the sole in-house attorney for the City and offers a tremendous opportunity for the right candidate to build a distinguished and comprehensive career in municipal law.

The Community

With approximately 30,000 residents, Galesburg offers a unique opportunity to combine meaningful public service with an exceptional quality of life. Located in a predominantly rural area, Galesburg provides the resources and amenities of a vibrant community while retaining the welcoming character, accessibility, and pace of life that make smaller communities special.

Galesburg offers something for professionals looking beyond the traditional demands of a legal career. Here, your work directly supports the community and helps shape the future of the city.

Enjoy:

- Outdoor recreation at Lake Storey and Bunker Links Golf Course
- A vibrant downtown with local shopping, dining, entertainment, and community events
- Arts and culture at the historic Orpheum Theatre
- Strong educational opportunities through Galesburg CUSD 205, Galesburg Christian School, Carl Sandburg College, and Knox College
- A connected community where civic leadership has a visible and lasting impact

The City of Galesburg employs approximately 250 professionals across a broad range of municipal services. As City Attorney, you will have the opportunity to work closely with elected officials, the City Manager, department leaders, and employees across the organization.

City operations include:

Police • Public Works • Fire • Parks & Recreation • Community Development • Finance • Human Resources • Information Technology • Elected City Clerk

This breadth creates an engaging legal environment where municipal law intersects with virtually every aspect of local government.

For an attorney seeking a career in public service, Galesburg offers the opportunity to do more than provide legal counsel. You can become a trusted partner in the City's leadership and help guide decisions that have a direct impact on the people who call Galesburg home.

Come to Galesburg to practice law with purpose, engage with a community, and make a difference that lasts.

Ideal Candidate

- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Extensive knowledge of local, state, and federal law and court decisions, including those that affect municipalities
- Knowledge and experience in the principles and methods utilized in legal research
- Experience in general municipal law

Position Requirements

- Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree and licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois, or eligible to obtain an Illinois law license
- Good standing with the Illinois State Bar Association
- A minimum of three years of legal experience, preferably in Illinois municipal law
- Valid Illinois driver's license or equivalent
- Residency requirement within 13 months

Compensation and Benefits

- The salary for this position is +/- \$180,000
- The City of Galesburg offers a comprehensive and competitive benefits package including health insurance, vision, dental, life insurance, and IMRF Pension

Application Process:

To apply, please submit a cover letter, résumé, and five professional references with email addresses to: **hr@ci.galesburg.il.us**

Confidential inquiries may be directed to:

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First review of applications begins August 28, 2026.

The City of Galesburg, Illinois, is an Equal Opportunity Employer.