Report to the Task Force on Inventorying Employment Restrictions Act

**Current Employment Restrictions** 

Office of the Attorney General

For each occupation subject to a criminal records-based restriction, the agency shall set forth the following:

- 1) The job title, occupation, job classification, or restricted place of employment, including the range of occupations affected in such places.
  - Any individual hired by the Office of the Attorney General is subject to a background check. (see attached list of titles)
- 2) The statute, regulation, policy, and procedure that authorizes the restriction of applicants for employment and licensure, current employees, and current licenses.
  - There are no specific restrictions to employment at the Office of the Attorney General based on a background check.
- 3) The substance and terms of the restriction, and

No specific restrictions are in place.

(A) If the statute, regulation, policy or practice enumerates disqualifying offenses, a list of each disqualifying offense, the time limits for each offense, and the point in time when the time limit begins.

See above response.

(B) If the statute, regulation, policy or practice does not enumerate disqualifying offenses and instead provides for agency discretion in determining disqualifying offenses, the criteria the agency has adopted to apply the disqualification to individual cases. Restrictions based on agency discretion include, but are not limited to, restrictions based on an offense "related to" the practice of a given profession; an offense or act of "moral turpitude"; and an offense evincing a lack of "good moral character".

Background checks indicating criminal offenses are reviewed by senior management to determine if the offense may be disqualifying.

- 4) The procedures used by the agency to identify an individual's criminal history, including but not limited to disclosures an applications and background checks conducted by law enforcement or private entities.
  - Job application includes language asking individuals to disclose convictions of any criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation. Background checks are run by the Investigations Bureau of the Office of the Attorney General.
- 5) The procedures used by the agency to determine and review whether an individual's criminal history disqualifies that individual.
  - Background checks are reviewed by senior management.
- 6) The year the restriction was adopted, and its rationale.
  - The Office of the Attorney General began requiring background checks June 1, 2000 (see attached memo). As the state's chief legal officer, background checks are necessary to maintain the integrity of our workforce.
- 7) Any exemption, waiver, or review mechanisms available to seek relief from the disqualification based on a showing of rehabilitation or otherwise, including the terms of the mechanism, the nature of the relief it affords, and whether an administrative and judicial appeal is authorized.

N/A

8) Any statute, rule, policy and practice that requires an individual convicted of a felony to have his civil rights restored to become qualified for the job; and 9 copies of the following documents:

### N/A

- (A) Forms, applications, and instructions provided to applicants and those denied or terminated from jobs or licenses based on their criminal record. N/A
- (B) Forms, rules and procedures that the agency employs to provide notice of disqualification, to review applications subject to disqualification, and to provide the exemptions and appeals of disqualification. N/A
- (C) Memos, guidance, instructions to staff, scoring criteria and other materials used by the agency to evaluate the criminal histories of applicants, licensees, and employees. N/A
- (D) Forms and notices used to explain waiver, exemption and appeals procedures for denial suspensions and terminations of employment or licensure based on criminal history.

  N/A

## **Employee**

#### Bureau

AAG - Class 1

AAG - Class 2

AAG - Class 3

AAG/Brief Reviewer

Account Technician

Account Technician II

Accountant

Administrative Clerk

Administrative Secretary

Assistant Bureau Chief

**Assistant PAC** 

Associate Director

Asst Unit Supervisor

Att Rec & Law Clk Prg Spc

**AVN Project Coordinator** 

Benefits Representative

**Bureau Chief** 

Chief Deputy AG

Chief Engineer

Chief Fiscal Officer

**Chief Internal Auditor** 

Chief of Staff

Chief SupervisingAttorney

Chief Technology Officer

Chief, Investigations Div

**CII** Coordinator

Citizens Advocate

Claims Analyst

**CLE Program Specialist** 

Clerk

Clerk Typist

Commnity Outreach Liaison

Communications Attendant

Communications Coord.

**Communications Director** 

Community Outreach Coord.

Comp Evidence Recvry Tech

Compensation Coordinator

**Complex Litigation Counsl** 

Compliance Officer

Compliance Officer II

Computer System Specialst

Consumer Counsel

Counsel to the AG

**Data Entry Operator** 

**Database Administrator** 

Deputy AG

**Deputy Chief** 

Deputy Chief of Staff

Deputy Chief Staff, Admin

Deputy Chief Staff, Polic

Deputy Director

**Deputy Division Chief** 

**Deputy PAC** 

**Deputy Press Secretary** 

**Employee** 

Bureau

Deputy Schedling Director Deputy Solicitor General

Dir of Schdling & Advance

Dir. Att recrt & prof dev

Dir. Investigtion for OIG

Dir. of HR & Support Svcs

Director

Director of Regl Ofc

Director, Legis Affairs

**Disability Specialist** 

**Division Chief** 

**Docket Clerk** 

**Environmental Counsel** 

Exec. Director of IVPA

**Executive Assistant** 

**Executive Secretary** 

Financial Analyst

**Grant Manager** 

**Grant Monitor** 

**Grant Monitor II** 

Human Resource Assoc.

**Human Resource Coord** 

IFVCC Program Director

Internal Auditor

Internet Safety Specialst

IVPA Admin. Assistant

IVPA Admin. Asst.

IVPA Asst Fiscal/Cont Mgr

IVPA Dir of Prog Develop

IVPA Dir. of Grants Prog

**IVPA Fiscal Contract Mngr** 

**IVPA Grants Manager** 

IVPA NRI Asst. Grants Mgr

IVPA NRI Contract Manager

IVPA NRI Prog. Developer

IVPA Office Serv Manager

IVPA Program Developer

IVPA Sfty Ntwrk Prgrm Mgr

IVPA SpcIProjCntrct Mntr

IVPA-Asst. Dir to GP

**Janitor** 

**Labor Counsel** 

Labor Liaison

Labor Unit Supervisor

Law Clerk

Lead Person II

Lead Worker I

Lead Worker II

Legal Secretary

Maintenance Worker

**Mediation Coordinator** 

Mediator

**Medical Director** 

Office Assistant

Office Automation Coord

**Operating Engineer** 

## **Employee**

# Bureau

Outreach Specialist

Paralegal

Paralegal II

PC Technician

Policy Advisor Assistant

Policy Advisor-Housing

**Program Specialist** 

**Programmer Analyst** 

Property Control Spec

Public Affairs Officer

Purchasing Supervisor

Regional Counsel

SANE Coordinator

Secretary

Senior AAG

Senior Acct Technician

Senior Compliance Officer

Senior Consumer Counsel

Senior Internal Auditor

Senior Network Admin/Supr

Senior Operations Directr

Senior Program Specialist

Solicitor General

**Special Events Coord** 

Special Investigator

Sr. Asst. to the AG

Sr. Communications Coord.

Sr. Exec. Asst. to the AG

Sr. Housing Policy Advisr

Sr. Policy Advisor

Sr. Supervising Attorney

Staff Assistant

Supervising Attorney

Supervisor

Support Staff Coord.

Unit Supervisor

Victim/Witness Coord

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**Impact Review** 

Office of the Attorney General

February 1, 2012

1) The total number of people currently employed in the occupation whose employment or licensure required criminal history disclosure, background checks or restrictions.

Background checks are run on all individuals upon offer of employment. Since February 1, 2010, one hundred ninety-two (192) individuals have been hired and are currently employed at the Office of the Attorney General.

2) The number and percentage of individuals who underwent a criminal history background check.

192 - 100%

3) The number and percentage of individuals who were merely required to disclosure their criminal history without a criminal history background check.

Data is not available regarding the number of individuals who may have filled out a job application but were not hired.

4) The number and percentage of individuals who were found disqualified based on criminal history disclosure by the applicant.

No available data

5) The number and percentage of individuals who were found disqualified based on a criminal history background check.

No available data

6) The number and percentage of individuals who sought an exemption or waiver from the disqualification.

<u>N/A</u>

7) The number and percentage of individuals who sought an exemption or waiver who were subsequently granted the exemption or waiver at the first level of agency review (if multiple levels of review are available).

N/A

8) The number and percentage of individuals who sought an exemption or waiver who were subsequently granted the exemption or waiver at the next level of agency review (if multiple levels of review are available).

N/A

9) The number and percentage of individuals who were denied an exemption or waiver at the final level of agency review and then sought review through an administrative appeal.

<u>N/A</u>

10) The number and percentage of individuals who were denied an exemption or waiver at the final level of agency review, and then sought review through an administrative appeal and were then found qualified after such a review.

<u>N/A</u>

11) The number and percentage of individuals who were found disqualified where no waiver or exemption process is available.

N/A

12) The number and percentage of individuals who were found disqualified where no waiver or exemption process is available and who sought administrative review and then were found qualified.

<u>N/A</u>

13) If the agency maintains records of active licenses or certifications, the executive agency shall provide the total number of employees in occupations subject to criminal history restrictions.

While no specific criminal restrictions are contained within the Office of the Attorney General's Policy and Procedure Manual, the following employees are required to maintain licenses and certifications:

All positions requiring a current license to practice law in Illinois – 394 current employees

All positions which require completion of basic police training course mandated and approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board – 13 current employees

All positions requiring current and unencumbered license to practice medicine in Illinois – 1 current employee