



## Josiah F. Accola

### Associate

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Josiah is in the firm's Belleville, Illinois, office. He practices in the areas of employment law, insurance law, and premises and retail liability.

Josiah is originally from Edwardsville, Illinois, and currently resides in Bethalto, Illinois. Josiah is also a part-time pastor at a local United Church of Christ and will be seeking ordination as he finishes up his Master of Divinity Degree at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, Missouri. In his free time, Josiah enjoys playing the piano, playing the cello, singing in a St. Louis LGBT+ choir known as The Black Tulip Chorale, volunteering in the community, being outdoors, and being active in his local church.

#### Prior Legal Experience

Cook County State's Attorney's Office (711 Law Clerk)  
DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office (711 Law Clerk)  
Land of Lincoln Legal Aid, Inc. (Staff Attorney)  
Madison County State's Attorney's Office (Assistant State's Attorney)  
Bond County State's Attorney's Office (Assistant State's Attorney)

#### Academic Honors and Activities

Lead Articles Editor, Northern Illinois University Law Review  
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#### Community Activities

Member of the Missouri Botanical Gardens and the St. Louis Art Museum, and an avid supporter of the Arts

#### Languages

French, professional working proficiency

Employment Law  
Insurance Law  
Premises and Retail Liability

## **Education & Bar Admissions**

### **Education**

- Northern Illinois University College of Law (J.D., Magna Cum Laude, 2019)
- Northern Illinois University (B.A., French and Political Science, Summa Cum Laude, 2016)

### **Bar Admissions**

- Illinois

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Illinois Prosecutors Bar Association
- Tri-City Bar Association
- Madison County Bar Association
- Christian Legal Society
- The National LGBTQ+ Bar Association