

# Public Defender Fired After Judge Discovers She Never Passed Bar Exam

An assistant public defender in Illinois has been fired after her boss discovered she is not an attorney, **reports** the *Belleville News-Democrat*.

Kelcie Miller was hired in October and had worked for the Madison County public defender's office until last week, when her boss, John Rekowski, fired her.

"Rekowski said during the news conference he found out that Miller was not an attorney after a judge had checked the state's Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission database of registered lawyers because a court reporter had asked the judge how to spell Miller's first name. She was not listed," write the *News-Democrat's* Lexi Cortes and Mike Koziatek.

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