JOB ANNOUNCEMENT:
ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY -- PUBLIC INTEREST ENVIRONMENTAL LAW FELLOWSHIP

The Environmental Law & Policy Center seeks to hire public interest attorney advocates who are recent law school graduates or judicial law clerks for Associate Attorney positions in our Chicago, Columbus, Grand Rapids, Madison or Minneapolis offices starting in Fall 2020. This is a two-year fellowship position. The Associate Attorneys will work on ELPC’s cutting-edge public interest climate change and clean energy, environmental protection and natural resources preservation litigation and innovative policy advocacy. This is an extraordinary time in which ELPC’s effective legal and policy advocacy – backed by strong economic analysis and public engagement – are essential for protecting our core environmental values.

ORGANIZATION: ELPC is the Midwest’s leading public interest environmental legal advocacy and eco-business innovation organization, and among the nation’s leaders. We develop and lead strategic environmental advocacy campaigns to improve environmental quality and protect our natural heritage. We are public interest environmental entrepreneurs who engage in creative business dealmaking with diverse interests to put into practice our belief that environmental progress and economic development can be achieved together. ELPC’s multidisciplinary staff of 45 talented public interest attorneys, environmental business specialists, policy advocates and communications specialists brings a strong and effective combination of skills to solve environmental problems and improve the quality of life in our communities. Our headquarters is in downtown Chicago, with additional offices and staff across the Midwest and in Washington, DC. Please visit www.ELPC.org.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Work with ELPC’s Executive Director and Senior Attorneys on “hot” litigation and innovative eco-business policy initiatives for ELPC’s Clean Energy, Clean Air and Climate Change Solutions Projects, Transportation and Land Use Reform Project, and Wild and Natural Places Preservation Project activities. Assist on special projects. Engage with multidisciplinary project teams.

QUALIFICATIONS: Recent law school graduates, including attorneys who are completing judicial clerkships or have no more than one year of other legal practice. Strong academic record and excellent writing, speaking and analytical skills. Interest in and substantive law and policy knowledge in at least one of the following fields: energy, environmental, transportation, air quality, land use and/or natural resources law. The attorneys should understand and enjoy multifaceted public policy strategic advocacy that involves media, legislative, economic and policy analysis and organizing approaches coordinated with strong and effective legal advocacy. An inspired and demonstrated commitment to public interest advocacy and an ability to work productively as a member of a team of skilled professionals is required.

SALARY: $70,000 annual salary for new law school graduates depending on the particular ELPC office, plus excellent benefits. ELPC encourages applicants to seek funding that will help to support their salary in full or part from sources such as Equal Justice Works, law schools’ public interest grants, etc.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applicants should send a cover letter, resume and three professional references to: LawFellowship@elpc.org. Telephone inquiries are discouraged. The Environmental Law & Policy Center is an equal opportunity employer and is continually seeking to diversify its staff.