



ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY CENTER



**PUBLIC INTEREST
SENIOR LITIGATION ATTORNEY
NATURAL RESOURCES**



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Protecting Midwest's Wild and Great Places, Wildlife, and Biodiversity, and the Great Lakes

The Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) is the Midwest's leading environmental legal advocacy organization. ELPC drives transformational policy changes with national impacts.

ELPC embraces smart, persuasive advocacy to win the most important environmental cases and create positive solutions to protect the Midwest's environmental quality and vital natural resources. Their teamwork approach uses legal, economic, scientific and public policy analysis, and communications advocacy tools to succeed. ELPC's strategic legal advocacy and eco-business dealmaking involve proposing solutions when they oppose threats to the Midwest's environment.

ELPC shows that environmental progress and economic development can be achieved together by putting sustainability principles into practice. ELPC effectively advances climate solutions by accelerating clean renewable energy alternatives to conventional power plants and advancing clean transportation solutions. ELPC protects the Great Lakes and defends the Midwest's wild and natural places, and ELPC fights for safe, clean water and healthy, clean air for all. ELPC combines effective public interest litigation with strategic policy advocacy, sound science, and economic analysis. ELPC produces strong results for the environment in the courtrooms, boardrooms, and legislative hearing rooms across the pivotal Midwest states and in Washington D.C.

ELPC was founded in 1993 after a year-long strategic planning process sponsored by seven major foundations. They have achieved a strong track record of successes on both national and regional clean energy development and pollution reduction, transportation and land use reform, and natural resources protection issues. ELPC brings a new form of creative public advocacy effectively linking environmental progress and economic development that improves the quality of life in Midwestern communities.

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The Opportunity

The Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) is hiring a skilled public interest litigation attorney with 10+ years of strong federal and state court litigation experience for a full-time position in ELPC's Chicago HQ office (preferred) or in ELPC's Minneapolis or Washington D.C. offices. This ELPC attorney will work on natural resources preservation legal and policy advocacy, which now focuses on protecting the Midwest's Great Places – the Great Lakes, the four-state scenic Driftless Area landscape, 50 National Parks and many Wilderness Areas, the Northwoods – and wildlife and biodiversity. This is a great position for a top-rate litigator who loves the outdoors and want to devote their professional work to protecting the Midwest's vital natural resources, its public lands, the Great Lakes and many other wild and special places. This is an extraordinary time in which ELPC's effective legal and policy advocacy – backed by sound science, strong economic analysis and public engagement – are essential to protect core environmental values.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ❖ Key litigation role advancing ELPC's innovative and successful environmental program activities to protect the Midwest's wild and special places, the Great Lakes, and wildlife and biodiversity.
- ❖ First-chair on some ELPC natural resources protection litigation and help lead policy advocacy campaigns in the "courts of public opinion" to succeed; second-chair on other ELPC natural resources protection litigation teams.
- ❖ Work with ELPC's Executive Director and Senior Staff to help prioritize and provide savvy results-focused strategic direction for ELPC's Great Places – Great Lakes Program.
- ❖ Work effectively in ELPC's public interest entrepreneurial and multidisciplinary team culture.
- ❖ Fundraise to support ELPC's wild places and natural resources protection program activities and expand program success.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ❖ 8+ years of major litigation experience, preferably with a practice including environmental and natural resources legal and policy issues.
- ❖ The ideal background would be a public interest litigation organization, USDOJ or strong state AG office, or high-powered law firm with hands-on trial and appellate experience.
- ❖ Excellent writing and persuasive oral advocacy abilities required.
- ❖ Strong academic background desired.
- ❖ 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 the ability to work productively with a fast-paced team of skilled professionals are required.
- ❖ This attorney should thrive on engaging with project teams including scientists, MBAs, and policy and media specialists.
- ❖ Ability and drive to win, achieve results and produce successes.

SALARY: Starting at \$125K and commensurate with experience and with ELPC's salary structure, and is competitive with other major public interest environmental law organizations. Excellent benefits provided.



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ELPC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is seeking a diverse slate of candidates for formal consideration.



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