



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION ATTORNEY (CLEAN AIR/WATER ENFORCEMENT)

The Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) is hiring a skilled public interest litigation attorney with 8+ years of strong experience in federal court litigation under the Clean Air Act and/or Clean Water Act. This is a full-time position in ELPC's Chicago HQ office (preferred) or in ELPC's Washington D.C., Grand Rapids, Des Moines, or Minneapolis offices. This ELPC attorney will litigate enforcement cases in the Midwest in federal district court under the federal Clean Air and Water Acts, as well as other federal environmental laws. This is a great position for an experienced federal court litigator who cares about healthy air and safe water and wants to devote their professional work to protecting these resources in the Midwest. 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.

ORGANIZATION

The Environmental Law & Policy Center is the Midwest's leading environmental legal advocacy organization. We use the power of the law and strategic advocacy campaigns to create climate change solutions, advance clean energy, protect public health, and preserve the Midwest's wild and natural places. Our staff is made up of extraordinary individuals who work together across states and disciplines to solve the most pressing environmental challenges of our times. Learn more at www.ELPC.org.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Key litigation role leading ELPC's innovative and successful enforcement litigation under the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act, with potential to first-chair on ELPC air and water enforcement litigation, leading the litigation team from the initial complaint through discovery, motion practice, and trial.
- Represent ELPC and clients in mediation and settlement negotiations for enforcement suits.
- Help lead policy advocacy campaigns in the “courts of public opinion” to succeed.





- Work with ELPC's Executive Director and Program Leads to develop overall enforcement litigation strategy, working to identify appropriate opportunities for citizen enforcement.
- Work effectively in ELPC's public interest multidisciplinary team culture.
- Work with development team and program leads on fundraising to support ELPC's air and water enforcement litigation.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 8+ years of complex litigation experience in federal court, with demonstrated experience in enforcement or defense of clean air and water laws.
- Ideal background would be a public interest litigation organization, USDOJ or strong state AG office, or law firm, all with hands-on trial and appellate experience.
- Excellent writing and persuasive oral advocacy abilities.
- 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 team of skilled professionals, including lawyers, scientists, policy and media specialists.

SALARY & BENEFITS

\$100,000 - \$135,000 depending on experience and office location, and consistent with ELPC's salary structure, which is competitive with other major public interest environmental law organizations. ELPC provides excellent paid time off, medical and dental insurance, vision care, life insurance, and disability insurance. We contribute funds to every employee's 403(b) retirement account and Health Savings Account. ELPC Chicago staff also have free access to the building gym, commuter benefits and other healthy lifestyle benefits.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please send a cover letter, resume, and professional references by email to cleanwaterenforcementtatty@elpc.org. Telephone inquiries are discouraged. The Environmental Law & Policy Center is an equal opportunity employer and is continually seeking to diversify its staff.

