



**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

# **PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION ATTORNEY (ENVIRONMENTAL 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 federal environmental statutes such as the Clean Air Act and 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 principally litigate Midwest and Great Lakes protection enforcement cases in federal courts. 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 public interest 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](http://www.ELPC.org).

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Key litigation role leading ELPC's innovative and successful enforcement litigation under federal environmental statutes, with potential to first-chair on ELPC healthy clean air, safe clean water and other environmental 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 strategies and identify appropriate opportunities for citizen enforcement.



- Work with ELPC's development team and program leads on fundraising to support ELPC's enforcement litigation.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- 8+ years of complex litigation experience in federal courts, with demonstrated experience in enforcement or defense of environmental 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**

ELPC offers a competitive salary and benefits package, including 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.

Salary will range from \$113,000 - \$145,000 annually, depending on experience and office location.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Please send a cover letter, resume, and professional references by email to [environmentalenforcementatty@elpc.org](mailto:environmentalenforcementatty@elpc.org). The Environmental Law & Policy Center is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to continuing to diversify its staff.

