



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

CLEAN ENERGY ATTORNEY

ABOUT ELPC

The Environmental Law & Policy Center is the Midwest's leading environmental legal advocacy organization. We drive transformational policy changes with national impacts.

We show that environmental progress and economic development can be achieved together by putting sustainability principles into practice. We advance climate solutions effectively by accelerating clean renewable energy alternatives to conventional power plants and advancing clean transportation solutions. We protect the Great Lakes and defend the Midwest's wild and natural places, and we fight for safe, clean water and healthy clean air for all. We combine 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.

Come join our winning team of talented, mission-driven professionals, who passionately work together to protect the environment and natural resources in the Midwest region.

Position Title: Clean Energy Attorney (full time)

Reports to: Clean Energy Program Lead

Location: Chicago, IL. *ELPC is committed to work-life flexibility and offers a hybrid work environment with the work week split between in-office and remote.*

JOB SUMMARY

The Clean Energy Attorney will handle critical litigation of utility regulatory cases in support of ELPC's clean energy program in Midwest states. This is an excellent opportunity in an area of growing strategic importance at the local, regional and national level: fighting climate change by equitably decarbonizing the energy sector through rapid deployment of distributed solar, battery storage, electric vehicles and other distributed energy resources.

The Clean Energy Attorney will engage in a range of venues in our region, including state utility commissions, state and federal courts, legislative bodies, Midwest regional transmission organizations (Midcontinent Independent Systems Operator-MISO, and PJM), and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission-FERC. The role will require both litigation skills and strategic leadership working with coalitions to advance clean energy solutions in an equitable manner, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the power sector, and accelerate the deployment of distributed energy resources.





ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Litigate a range of cases focused on electric and gas industry planning, distributed energy resource deployment, and equitable access to clean energy. Responsibilities will routinely include identifying key cases, developing and managing clients and client coalitions, working with experts to develop testimony, managing and coordinating discovery, cross examining witnesses, drafting briefs and making oral arguments, and managing associate attorney(s), among other litigation responsibilities.
- Work to execute multi-faceted clean energy policy campaigns, with assistance from other ELPC attorneys, communications experts, policy advocates, legislative advocates, and in coordination with colleagues from other regional and national advocacy organizations and industry representatives.
- Develop and refine strategic direction for ELPC's clean energy program, including assisting in fundraising to help the program grow.
- Other duties, as assigned.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Juris Doctor degree from a reputed law school

- 4+ years of relevant legal experience, with a strong background and demonstrated interest in clean energy policy and electric/gas utility regulation.
- 2+ years of administrative litigation experience before state utility commissions or similar regulatory bodies preferred.

Knowledge, Skills & Abilities:

- Refined writing and persuasive oral advocacy abilities in both legal and non-legal settings.
- Excellent interpersonal skills including demonstrated ability to build productive relationships with clients, partners, experts, and governmental officials.
- Experience and comfortability working with technical experts including scientists, MBAs and policy and media specialists.
- Familiarity with strategic advocacy that involves media, legislative, economic and policy analysis and organizing approaches coordinated with legal advocacy.
- Proficiency in Microsoft suite, especially Word.
- Ability to operate independently as well as part of a geographically dispersed team, work on varying assignments as needed and manage multiple priorities with defined deadlines

Estimated Travel:

- 10 - 20% domestic travel.

SALARY

ELPC offers an attractive salary and benefits package, competitive to leading national environmental non-profits.





APPLICATION PROCESS

Please send a cover letter, resume, and professional references **by email to Cleanenergyatty@elpc.org**. If we find a match between your experience and our needs, we will reach out for an interview.

ELPC's EEO Statement:

Environmental Law & Policy Center is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace and provides consideration for an employment relationship without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, genetic predisposition, national origin, ethnicity, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law.

If you are interested in any of our open positions but are unable to apply via email due to a disability, please email us at gcronin@elpc.org with a reference to the specific job(s) you are interested in, and we will be happy to assist you.

