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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Please post and inform potential applicants.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT SENIOR ATTORNEY WASHINGTON, D.C. or REMOTE

Public Justice is a national public interest organization dedicated to pursuing high impact lawsuits to combat social and economic injustice, protect the Earth's sustainability, and challenge predatory corporate conduct and government abuses. It seeks to hire a full-time litigator with at least 10 years of relevant experience to develop and prosecute cases as a Senior Attorney in our Environmental Enforcement Project (EEP). Our EEP is a national leader in using citizen suits to enforce federal statutes protecting environmental quality and human health. Our clients and partners include prominent and recognized advocates such as The Sierra Club, Southern Environmental Law Center, Earthjustice and others, as well as labor unions and community organizations. The attorney will continue with citizen suits, as well as develop and employ new, cutting-edge legal theories to compel polluters to clean up their pollution and internalize the costs they impose on the environment and the public—and, especially, to combat climate change.

The Environmental Enforcement Project Senior Attorney will primarily be responsible for developing and prosecuting precedent-setting and socially-significant lawsuits against major pollution sources, including fossil fuel industry actors and animal industrial agriculture. The attorney should be prepared to develop new legal theories outside of environmental law and think holistically about how to reform industries and push our country towards a clean energy future. Other duties will include networking with attorneys and other public interest groups; helping to develop and define strategic goals; and supporting fundraising and communication efforts for the organization. The right candidate will be an experienced, top-notch litigator with environmental and tort law experience, who is a creative and strategic thinker able to work both independently and within teams.

The EEP Senior Attorney is an exempt position and will work closely with the Environmental Enforcement Project Director and report to the Managing Attorney. The attorney will also work collaboratively with Public Justice's other attorneys, outside lawyers who support Public Justice's work, and other public interest groups to develop and bring precedent-setting cases to protect the environment.

The Senior Attorney will play an integral part in shaping Public Justice's strategic plan for fulfilling our mission to ensure the Earth's sustainability. This is a unique opportunity for a senior-level attorney to play a key role in advancing cutting-edge legal strategies that intersect

with pressing social and political issues, including climate change, access to clean water, fracking, clean energy and community mobilization around these issues. Public Justice is committed to ensuring that our Environmental Enforcement Project is well-positioned to take on important, innovative work that holds government leaders, corporations, and polluters accountable. This position will play a key role in developing those strategies and responses.

Our strong preference is for this position to be based in our Washington D.C. office, but we will consider applications from especially qualified candidates seeking to work remotely from other parts of the country. Because Public Justice handles litigation, education, and advocacy nationally, the position will entail some travel when it is safe to do so.

Responsibilities:

- Develop new cases in a strategic fashion; conduct factual investigations; develop legal theories; draft pleadings and briefs; and otherwise manage new and existing cases within state and federal courts and administrative agencies.
- Litigate cases from beginning to end, performing all aspects of litigation.
- Develop and maintain partnerships with clients, allies, and coalition partners in litigation and other advocacy.
- Collaborate and manage relationships with co-counsel, clients, and coalition partners.
- Supervise the work of Staff Attorneys, Law Fellows, and Law Clerks throughout the organization. Play an integral role in developing less experienced attorneys.
- Integrate communications and legislative advocacy into litigation and other legal strategies, working effectively with other departments at Public Justice, including Communications and Development.
- Utilize traditional and social media networks to publicize our work, develop speaking engagements to educate the public about Public Justice's cases and the issues they represent, and assist with donor and foundation relations and communications.

Qualifications:

- Law degree and at least ten years of litigation experience;
- Experience in environmental law, tort law, and litigating under the Administrative Procedures Act; conversant with scientific and technical data;
- Excellent litigation skills, including proven legal research, writing, analytical, and oral advocacy skills, and ability to manage a litigation docket effectively;
- Strong skills in communicating litigation and advocacy goals and messages to the media and public;
- Ability to work independently and in collaboration with client partners and in leading a team;
- Strong and demonstrated initiative, good judgment, creativity, and work ethic;
- Ability and willingness to travel as needed for case work, court appearances, and presentations;
- Commitment to serving the public interest, and a passion for the role of Public Justice and its mission;
- Sensitivity to the needs and concerns of and the ability to work with individuals and groups from diverse cultures, backgrounds, and orientations.
- Contributes to the creation of a diverse, equitable, and inclusive work community that encourages collaboration.

We offer a mission-focused work environment, a teamwork and community-oriented approach, and a competitive compensation package. We also offer a generous benefits package, including at least three weeks of paid vacation, two weeks of sick leave, and two personal days each year, all federal and some local holidays, employer-paid health, dental and vision insurance premiums, and a 401(k) plan. Our attorneys are paid on a salary scale based on years out of law school. The starting annual salary for this position is \$96,000. Public Justice requires those working in its offices to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Reasonable accommodations to this requirement, including remote work, based on disability or a sincerely held religious belief will be considered.

To Apply: Interested candidates should submit a:

- Cover letter that conveys why you are drawn to Public Justice’s mission and the objectives of this position and how your experience fits with those objectives.
- Resume.
- Law school transcript (official or unofficial).
- Contact information for three references.
- Writing sample, preferably a legal brief or memorandum unedited or only lightly edited by another, including a cover sheet explaining the extent of editing by someone else.

Your application should consist of two electronic files: (1) your cover letter, resume, transcript, and references in a single .pdf file; and (2) a writing sample in another .pdf file. Applicants are encouraged to submit their materials by **May 16, 2022**, at which point applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Please submit both files to staffattorney@publicjustice.net with the subject line: “EEP Senior Attorney.” For more information, please visit our website at www.publicjustice.net.

Public Justice is an equal opportunity employer and values a diverse workplace. We strongly encourage applications from people with disabilities; people of color, including bilingual and bicultural individuals; LGBTQ individuals; people of all genders; veterans; and people of all ages. Public Justice is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to individuals with disabilities. If you require reasonable accommodations during any part of the hiring process, please email lhughes@publicjustice.net.