



Columbia Riverkeeper
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Job Announcement: Columbia Riverkeeper, Staff Attorney

Organizational Overview: Columbia Riverkeeper (Riverkeeper) is a successful nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the Columbia River watershed. We have offices in Hood River and Portland, Oregon. Riverkeeper is a leader in high-profile campaigns to protect our region from fossil fuel infrastructure, toxic pollution, the Hanford Nuclear Site, and other threats facing Columbia River communities and salmon habitat. Riverkeeper has a history of working with staff and elected officials from Columbia River tribal nations to fight for clean water and strong salmon runs. Riverkeeper confers with Columbia River tribes on policy positions, strategies, and tactics.

Location: Hood River or Portland, OR; possibility of working remotely in the Pacific Northwest.

Status: Full-time employee, 40 hours per week with occasional weekend and evening work obligations.

Position Description: The Staff Attorney is responsible for working with Riverkeeper's legal team and other staff to develop and execute Riverkeeper's legal and policy work, including representing Riverkeeper in litigation and administrative processes. The Staff Attorney work plan will focus on deepening Riverkeeper's relationship and solidarity work with Columbia River tribes and tribal organizations.

Responsibilities:

- **Litigate:** The Staff Attorney will represent Riverkeeper in litigation. This may include drafting memoranda, pleadings, motions, briefs, and representing Riverkeeper in court. The Staff Attorney's docket will focus on cases of particular interest to Columbia River tribes, including filing amicus briefs in cases filed on behalf of tribes and tribal organizations.
- **Develop and Execute Legal and Policy Strategies to Advance Campaigns:** The Staff Attorney will work with Riverkeeper's staff of attorneys, policy analysts, and community organizers to develop and execute campaigns to protect the Columbia River. This will include drafting correspondence to, and meeting with, agency and elected officials.
- **Communicate with Tribal Agency Staff and Attorneys:** The Staff Attorney will maintain regular communications with attorneys and agency staff at Columbia River tribes on ongoing campaign matters of interest to tribes, as well as emerging issues. Overall, the Staff Attorney will expand Riverkeeper's capacity to communicate with tribes on decisions that impact a tribe's trust resources and treaty rights.
- **Ability to Work in Collaborative Environment:** The Staff Attorney will work in a team-based environment and with large and diverse coalitions.
- **Communicate Legal and Policy Work to Members and Public:** The Staff Attorney will work with staff to communicate Riverkeeper's legal and policy work to Riverkeeper members and members of the public through Riverkeeper's newsletters, E-Alerts, fact sheets, issue papers, blog, website, press releases, and other outlets.

Qualifications:

- Experience working for or with tribes or tribal organizations, preferably Pacific Northwest tribes.
- Excellent legal research and writing skills.
- Superb communication skills, including public speaking and people skills.
- Proven ability to work independently.
- Passion for environmental and social justice.
- J.D. (member of Oregon or Washington State Bar preferred).

Salary & Benefits:

- Competitive non-profit salary based on experience.
- Medical and dental insurance, 401(k), generous vacation package, and paid federal holidays.
- Paid state bar association dues.
- Annual continuing legal education (CLE) allowance.
- Encouraging and flexible work environment.

To Apply: Email a cover letter, resume, at least three references, and a short writing sample that is entirely your own work to info@columbiariverkeeper.org with the title "Staff Attorney job." Please include a single pdf attachment (if possible) that contains a cover letter, resume, references, and writing sample.

Application Deadline: December 4, 2017.

Start date: Flexible, prefer January 2018.