



Legal Intern, Midwest Regional Office

Chicago, IL or Remote

Earthjustice is the premier nonprofit environmental law organization. We take on the biggest, most precedent-setting cases across the country. We wield the power of law and the strength of partnership to protect people's health; to preserve magnificent places and wildlife; to advance clean energy; and to combat climate change. We partner with thousands of groups, supporters and citizens to engage the critical environmental issues of our time, and bring about positive change. We are here *because the earth needs a good lawyer*.

Founded in 1971, Earthjustice has a distinguished track record of achieving significant, lasting environmental protections. We achieve this by hiring team members who share a passion for justice and a healthy environment. Our headquarters are in San Francisco with over ten offices across the U.S.

The Midwest Regional Office partners with impacted communities to fight for clean air, drinking water, and soil. We partner with Tribal Nations and other groups to fight for the protection of the Straits of Mackinac from the risk of an oil spill, defending the Boundary Waters of Minnesota from copper-nickel sulfide mining and fighting to correct years of flooding and inadequate sewage infrastructure in the town of Centreville, Illinois. Our team of attorneys bring a mix of matters under federal environmental laws such as the Clean Water Act, National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, as well as state and local statutes, to protect the environment and promote healthy communities. The Midwest Regional Office is currently adding to its docket of work with potential cases in almost every Midwest state.

We are now accepting applications for part-time or full-time paid legal interns for a 10-week experience during the fall 2020 academic semester. We expect students to work 10-37.5 hours a week. This position includes a weekly stipend of \$298.67 to \$1,120 depending on hours worked. Applicants should indicate on their cover letter if they need a decision by a certain date. These positions are open in our Chicago office and expected to be a remote position as Earthjustice has temporarily closed offices and transitioned staff to remote work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Fall 2020 position being offered will be remote, based out of New York, Washington DC, Illinois, Philadelphia, Florida, Colorado, Montana, Washington, California, Hawaii, or Alaska.

All offices will remain closed through at least December 31, 2020 and applicants are expected to work on a variety of litigation projects for a minimum of 37.5 hours per week



for 10 weeks. We are seeking current law students who share a passion for justice and a healthy environment.

Responsibilities

Legal interns work under the direct supervision of attorneys in the development and advancement of litigation and other advocacy. Interns will participate in a wide range of tasks, including:

- Assisting in case investigation, legal research and discovery.
- Preparing memoranda, briefs and other legal documents for administrative and judicial proceedings.

Qualifications

- **Currently enrolled in law school.**
- Demonstrated commitment to environmental protection or environmental justice.
- Excellent research, analytic and writing skills.
- Strong work ethic.
- Initiative, creative thinking and the ability to work collegially with others.
- Significant knowledge of environmental and administrative law is a plus.
- Commitment of at least 37.5 hours a week.

Earthjustice has secured funding for this position and compensation is available for selected interns.

To Apply

Interested candidates should submit the following materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Resume
- Cover letter – In one page, address why you want to work for Earthjustice and any information about yourself that is not apparent or fully explained in the resume.
- Recent writing sample, preferably a legal brief or memorandum of no more than 10 pages that primarily reflects your work.
- Unofficial law school transcript
- List of references, including at least one law professor or legal employer.

[Click here to apply online](#)



Applications are accepted and offers are made on a rolling basis, so please submit as soon as possible.

Please reach out to jobs@earthjustice.org if you are having technical difficulties submitting your application.

No phone calls, drop-ins, or hard copies.

Earthjustice is driven by a passion for justice, partnership, and excellence. Our core values lead us to seek a broad range of perspectives and backgrounds to achieve our mission and to maintain an inclusive environment where all staff are valued and respected. As an equal opportunity employer, we are committed to employment practices that ensure that employees and applicants for employment are provided with equal opportunities without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, religion, physical or mental disability, medical condition, veteran status, marital status, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, or any other factor that is not related to the position.

For positions located within the City and County of San Francisco: Pursuant to the San Francisco Fair Chance Ordinance, we will consider for employment-qualified applicants with arrest and conviction records.

For positions located within the City of Los Angeles: We will consider qualified applicants with criminal histories in a manner consistent with the Los Angeles Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring.