



Spring 2022 Legal Extern, Oceans Program

San Francisco, CA; Seattle, WA; or Remote

Earthjustice's Oceans Program is accepting applications for a full- or part-time legal extern for Spring 2022. We are seeking a current law student who shares a passion for justice and a healthy environment, and who is eligible to receive academic credit for the externship.

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 guided by a passionate, ambitious vision for the future for people and our planet: until justice stands for all, we will never rest. *We are here because the earth needs a good lawyer.*

The Earthjustice Oceans Program has used the power of law for fifteen years to end overfishing and protect ocean ecosystems, to safeguard iconic marine wildlife, and to build resilience to the impacts of climate change in marine habitats. The Oceans Program is staffed by eight attorneys and a paralegal, working from two Earthjustice offices. We partner with conservation groups, coastal communities, and international organizations to play a key role in enforcing domestic laws and engaging in intergovernmental processes in order to compel better stewardship of the oceans.

Responsibilities:

- Work with attorneys in the Oceans Program investigating matters related to federal litigation and domestic and international marine issues.
- Assist in the development of case strategy and legal theories.
- Under the supervision of an attorney, perform legal and factual research and prepare memoranda.

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in law school.
- Must be eligible to receive academic credit or fulfill a graduation requirement through this externship.
- Commitment of at least 16 hours a week.
- Strong writing, research, analytical and organizational skills.
- Familiarity with legal research tools, including Westlaw.
- Ability to work independently and proactively.

Compensation:

Legal externs are unpaid and must receive academic credit or fulfill a graduation requirement for their work with Earthjustice.

To Apply:

Interested candidates should submit the following materials:

- Cover letter that explains:

- Your interest in working with the Earthjustice Oceans Program,
 - Whether you are seeking a full- or a part-time position,
 - The number of hours, or a reasonable estimate, you are available to work per week,
 - Whether you prefer to work 100% remotely or would be open to coming into our Seattle or San Francisco offices once we reopen,
 - Confirmation that you can earn academic credit from your law school or that you will be fulfilling a graduation requirement, and
 - An indication of any applicable deadlines or requirements that are relevant to your submission or ability to accept an offer.
- Resume
 - Unofficial law school transcript
 - Writing sample, preferably a legal memorandum less than ten pages that primarily reflects your work
 - List of references, including at least one law professor or legal employer
 - Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications are due by October 17, 2021. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline.

Please note that this job posting for a legal externship does NOT cover summer positions; there is a separate application process for applicants interested in summer clerkships with Earthjustice.

[Click here to apply.](#)

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 only considers applications submitted for current openings via Jobvite. Unsolicited resumes or resumes for posted positions that are not submitted via Jobvite will not be reviewed or retained.

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.