



Staff Attorney, Clean Energy Philadelphia, PA

Earthjustice is now accepting applications for a Clean Energy Staff Attorney position to be based in our Philadelphia office. We seek an attorney to join our growing team of lawyers who work to advance clean energy solutions across the country, and to speed the transition of our nation's energy system away from dirty fossil fuels. The attorney will focus on Pennsylvania, but also will work in other states and at a regional and/or national level, as needed.

Founded in 1971, Earthjustice is the premier nonprofit environmental law organization. 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.*

Earthjustice has a longstanding track record of success with our litigation and legal advocacy to reduce dependence on dirty fossil fuels and increase reliance on clean energy resources. We see an unparalleled opportunity to hasten a shift away from fossil fuels; achieve major, enduring reductions in carbon pollution; and secure a cleaner, smarter, more equitable electric grid. The Clean Energy Program advocates for policies and infrastructure that support a swift transition to a modern sustainable energy system. The Staff Attorney will work to develop and implement litigation and legal advocacy strategies to advance clean energy and transition away from fossil fuels, focusing on Pennsylvania. To learn more about Earthjustice's clean energy work, click [here](#).

While the position will be housed in our Clean Energy Program, the Staff Attorney will also collaborate with our Coal Program, which is based in the Philadelphia Office. You can learn more about the Coal Program by clicking [here](#).

Responsibilities

- Develop litigation and legal advocacy strategies to support program goals.
- Litigate cases from beginning to end, performing all aspects of litigation.
- Supervise the work of Associate Attorneys.
- Cultivate new allies, clients and coalition partners in support of program goals.
- Collaborate and manage relationships with co-counsel, clients, and coalition partners.
- Serve as spokesperson for client partners and for Earthjustice.
- Work effectively with other departments within Earthjustice, including Communications, Development, and Policy and Legislation.

Qualifications

- Juris Doctorate (JD) degree.
- A minimum of 7 years of litigation experience.
- Licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, or willingness to apply for admission in that jurisdiction within one year of employment.
- Excellent litigation skills, including top-notch legal research, writing and oral advocacy skills.
- Initiative, good judgment, and a strong work ethic.

- Knowledge and experience in energy law and clean energy issues, especially in Pennsylvania, is strongly preferred.
- Proficient at working with technical experts.
- Ability to manage a litigation docket effectively and lead a litigation team
- Ability to work independently and in collaboration with client partners and staff.
- Ability to develop and maintain partnerships with community-based or other grassroots groups interested in energy litigation and other advocacy.
- Strong skills in communicating litigation and advocacy goals and messages to the media.
- 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 Earthjustice and its mission.
- Demonstrated awareness and sensitivity to the needs and concerns of individuals from diverse cultures, backgrounds and orientations.
- Commitment to help create a diverse, equitable and inclusive workforce and culture that encourages and celebrates differences.

We offer a mission- and employee-focused work environment and a competitive compensation package, including excellent benefits. Earthjustice is an equal opportunity employer and highly values diversity.

To Apply:

Interested applicants should submit a:

- Resume.
- One- or two-page cover letter that addresses at least the following subjects: (1) why you are drawn to Earthjustice's mission and whether there are particular legal, environmental, or justice issues that inspire you; and (2) aspects of your background that demonstrate competence to work with diverse clients and colleagues.
- Writing sample, preferably a legal brief or memorandum that primarily reflects your work.
- List of three references.

[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 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.