



Coal Ash Project Attorney Philadelphia, PA

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Earthjustice is now accepting applications for a Coal Ash Project Attorney to join our team of lawyers and advocates who are working to end the U.S. dependence on coal-fired power and to ensure that coal's toxic legacy is cleaned up. The two-year position will be based in our Philadelphia office. As Earthjustice handles coal litigation around the country, the position may entail significant travel.

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 people who share a passion for justice and a healthy environment. Our headquarters are in San Francisco with offices in Anchorage, Juneau, Los Angeles, Tallahassee, Honolulu, New York, Philadelphia, Denver, Seattle, Bozeman, and Washington, DC.

The Coal Ash Project Attorney will join Earthjustice's Coal Program, which uses hard-hitting litigation and administrative advocacy to end our nation's reliance on dirty and expensive coal-fired power plants, and to transform our country's energy sector into one that is clean, renewable, and modern. A core part of that work has been seeking to ensure that communities are not left with the toxic legacy of unsafe coal ash disposal that threatens public health and water supplies at nearly 1,400 sites in the U.S. In 2015, Earthjustice and its allies succeeded in getting the U.S. EPA to promulgate first-ever federal environmental regulations governing the disposal of coal ash. The Project Attorney position will be part of our increased effort to defend and strengthen those standards, and to protect public health and the environment by helping to ensure that the standards are fully implemented at coal ash sites throughout the country. For more information about the Coal Program, please visit <http://earthjustice.org/about/offices/coal>.

Responsibilities

Working with more senior Earthjustice attorneys, the Project Attorney will perform a variety of litigation-related tasks that may include:

- Conducting factual investigations and legal research, and preparing memoranda on issues relating to ongoing or potential new cases.
- Drafting motions, briefs and other pleadings.
- Participating in proceedings before state and federal courts, public utility commissions, and other administrative tribunals.
- Assisting with discovery.

- Interacting with clients and working with experts to develop a clear understanding of the facts involved in each case and to ultimately support our litigation goals.

Qualifications

- Law school graduates who are admitted, or willing to apply for admission, to the state bar of Pennsylvania.
- 0-5 years of litigation and/or clerkship experience.
- Excellent research, critical thinking, writing, and oral advocacy skills.
- An excellent academic record, good judgment, and a strong work ethic.
- Commitment to serving the public interest.
- Initiative, creative thinking, and the ability to work both independently and in collaboration with others.
- Demonstrates an awareness and sensitivity to the needs and concerns of individuals from diverse cultures, backgrounds and orientations.
- Contributes to the creation of a diverse, equitable and inclusive work 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 candidates should submit a:

- Resume.
- One or two page cover letter that addresses: (1) why you are drawn to Earthjustice's mission; and/or (2) any experiences you have working with people or communities from backgrounds that differ from your own or with those who have been disproportionately affected by environmental harms.
- Writing sample, preferably a legal brief or memorandum that primarily reflects your work.
- Law school transcript.
- List of three references.

[Click here to apply.](#)

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

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.