



## Graduate Fellow Attorney Job Announcement for 2020-2021/22 Bloomington, Indiana

### **Description:**

Conservation Law Center is now accepting applications for the position of Graduate Fellow Attorney. This Fellowship is a full-time position beginning in fall 2020.

### **Conservation Law Center:**

Conservation Law Center (the Center) is an independent, non-profit organization that provides legal counsel to conservation organizations and works to improve state and federal conservation law and policy. The organization works with clients on a wide range of transactional, policy, and litigation matters pertaining to both regional and national conservation issues. The Center has particular interest and expertise in several topics, including endangered species protection and litigation, natural habitat protection, conservation easements, and the protection of freshwater ecosystems especially in the Great Lakes region. The Center won a unanimous decision last year at the Indiana Supreme Court protecting public trust rights along the Lake Michigan shore (*Gunderson v. State*, 90 N.E.3d 1171 (Ind. 2018)), a decision later preserved by the U.S. Supreme Court, and we expect to continue an active public trust practice as part of our focus. Conservation Law Center was founded in 2005 by attorney W. William Weeks, former EVP and COO of The Nature Conservancy, who currently serves as the Center's board chair as well as the Glenn and Donna Scolnik Clinical Chair at the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University—Bloomington.

The Center also operates the Conservation Law Clinic in partnership with the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington. In that capacity, the Center works with student interns on its existing projects, advising clients and researching legal and policy solutions on regional and national conservation issues.

More information about Conservation Law Center is available at:

<http://www.conservationlawcenter.org>.

### **The Position:**

Conservation Law Center employs Graduate Fellow Attorneys to assist in its conservation law practice. The practice includes litigation, conservation transactions, the preparation of comments on proposed agency actions and rules, research, and analysis of legislation. Fellows

also assist as needed in all aspects of the operation of the Center, including working with students in the Conservation Law Clinic with the Maurer School of Law.

The Graduate Attorney Fellowship is a one-year position with the option of a second year depending on interest and performance. (Most previous Fellows have completed two years.) Executive Director Christian Freitag and Staff Attorney Jeffrey Hyman supervise the position, but Fellows are empowered and expected to assume substantial responsibility for their own work. Fellows can expect to develop their skills as attorneys, improve their abilities as environmental advocates, and leave the Center with a demonstrated commitment in a highly competitive field. Previous Fellows have gone on to positions with Earthjustice, several state attorney general/natural resources offices, leading private environmental law practices, and corporate counsel positions.

The job is located in the classic college town of Bloomington, Indiana, in the beautiful unglaciated hardwood forests of southern Indiana.

**Qualifications:**

Candidates should be either recent law school graduates licensed to practice, or expecting to graduate by June 2020 and be licensed (in any state) within 6 months of employment at the Center. Strong candidates will have excellent legal research, writing, and analytical skills, in addition to a genuine interest in conservation issues.

**Salary:**

The annual salary for the first year Fellows is \$45,000, plus competitive benefits. An increase is possible for second year Fellows. Conservation Law Fellows work an average of 40 hours per week.

**Application Procedure:**

Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, writing sample (10 pages max), and references to Conservation Law Center at 116 South Indiana, Suite 4, Bloomington, IN 47408, or respond by e-mail to [lbonwich@indiana.edu](mailto:lbonwich@indiana.edu). Applications received by December 31, 2019 will receive priority consideration, though the position will remain open until filled.