

Legal Director Position

Staff Position: Legal Director

Reports to: Executive Director

Status: Full Time

Location: Hybrid, based out of the Council's Philadelphia office. Some work outside of regular business hours and occasional travel are expected.

Description of Responsibilities: Clean Air Council seeks a skilled litigator with environmental law experience to manage its team of public interest environmental attorneys and legal professionals and oversee and personally engage in its forward-thinking and impactful legal advocacy. The legal team that the Legal Director heads comprises about half a dozen lawyers executing a full range of cutting-edge environmental legal efforts, spanning litigation, policy, and regulatory work, in Pennsylvania, elsewhere in the Mid-Atlantic region, and nationally.

The Legal Director's responsibilities include:

- Supervise every member of the legal team in a collaborative and growth-oriented manner
- Facilitate professional development of legal team members
- Oversee and direct the work of the legal team
- Devise and run team-wide efforts, such as trainings and team meetings
- Identify new legal advocacy opportunities and grant proposals to pursue
- Collaborate with internal and external partners to have the legal team serve as a legal arm of movements and campaigns
- Using a campaign-oriented mindset, identify and execute legal strategies that amplify the impact of Council-wide goals
- Develop productive working relationships across the regional environmental movement
- Represent the Council in various public-facing communications
- Coordinate the provision of in-house counsel services, such as review of contracts and internal policies
- Retain and coordinate with outside counsel and experts
- Personally litigate matters from start to finish in administrative, municipal, state, and federal fora
- Personally work on regulatory and policy efforts
- Assist with fundraising efforts
- Ensure that the legal team is properly spending dedicated grants
- Coordinate with the management team on Council-wide efforts

The Council is a small organization, and as such, the Council may call on employees to assist in tasks that fall outside of the employee's job description from time to time.

Qualifications:

- Extensive legal experience, including litigation and environmental law
- Management / supervisory experience
- Practicing attorney with PA bar admission or willingness to join the PA bar promptly

Core Competencies:

- A collaborative and growth-oriented approach to management
- A dedication to maintaining high team morale
- Strategic vision and skill to achieve high-impact results
- Excellent organizational and project management skills
- Strong writing, editing, proofreading, and communication skills
- Attention to detail and ability to maintain multiple varying deadlines
- Works well as part of a small team
- A strong commitment to public interest environmental law practice

About Clean Air Council:

Founded in 1967, Clean Air Council is the premier non-profit environmental advocacy organization focused on Pennsylvania and the surrounding regions, dedicated to protecting everyone's right to a healthy environment.

Clean Air Council strongly encourages people of color, women, LGBTQ individuals, and those with disabilities to apply.

Compensation:

Salary \$85,000-\$100,000 commensurate with experience and qualifications. The Council offers competitive benefits as well.

To apply:

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest with resume to Corinne Bishop at cbishop@cleanair.org (please include "Legal Director Application" in the email subject line). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Interviews will begin immediately.