

COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT (CBE)

STAFF ATTORNEY POSITION AVAILABLE

CBE seeks a full-time staff attorney in its office in Huntington Park, Los Angeles County. CBE is an environmental justice organization whose mission is to build power in California's communities of color and low income communities, to prevent and reduce pollution, and to build healthy and sustainably communities and environments. In furtherance of this mission, CBE engages in what it refers to as a "triad" model of social justice movement building and advocacy. The "triad" combines grassroots organizing, legal advocacy, and science-based research to address issues relating to CBE's mission and purpose.

Most of CBE's legal work focuses on energy (both encouraging alternative energy and phasing out fossil fuel dependence) and improving conditions in California's urban communities through more effective and sustainable land use and pollution regulation.¹

Staff Attorney

Responsibilities:

- Prosecute environmental lawsuits in state and federal courts on behalf of CBE;
- Engage with CBE staff as the legal voice of the triad;
- Represent CBE at hearings in courts and before various administrative agencies responsible for enforcing federal, state and local environmental and energy laws;
- Engage in public education and outreach to promote CBE and CBE's legal work;
- Attend and provide support at community meetings with CBE staff and members;
- Work with CBE interns.

Qualifications:

- At least three years relevant legal experience, including litigation experience;
- California Bar Membership;
- Working knowledge of California and federal environmental law;
- Demonstrated commitment to environmental and social justice;
- Excellent legal writing and public speaking skills; Spanish language skills preferred;
- Willingness to travel in California and work frequent evenings and some weekends.

Preference will be given to applicants with experience in public interest work, the environmental movement, civil rights, and/or personal history with communities highly impacted by pollution.

Salary: Commensurate with other California legal non-profits.

Submit via email to legalcandidates@gmail.com or mail: 1) cover letter, 2) resume, 3) legal writing sample, and 4) list of telephonic references to: CBE, Attn. Lawyer Search, 1904 Franklin Street Suite 600, Oakland, CA 94612. Position open until filled.

CBE is an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, disability, gender, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or any other prohibited category. We strongly encourage people of color, women, and all qualified persons to apply for this position.

¹ For more about CBE, please visit our website: www.cbecal.org.