

Environmental Justice Staff Attorney

The New Mexico Environmental Law Center (NMELC) is seeking applications for a Staff Attorney dedicated to NMELC's mission of working with communities to advance environmental justice and human rights.

The New Mexico Environmental Law Center works in partnership with community organizations, coalitions and other stakeholders to build multi-strategy campaigns that address the systemic polluting of low-income communities of color and advance community health and sustainability.

As Staff Attorney, you will engage in legal, policy, and administrative advocacy, as well as coalition-building and media work. You will work closely with client communities to achieve client-directed priorities. You will also be responsible, in collaboration with the Executive Director and staff, for identifying, managing and advancing new campaign and litigation opportunities.

Qualifications

Must be an attorney in good standing and either be licensed to practice law in the State of New Mexico or be eligible for admission to the New Mexico bar at the time of hiring.

A minimum of five years of relevant experience in litigation, policy and/or administrative advocacy. Exceptional candidates with less experience will be considered.

Demonstrated commitment to community lawyering and experience in racial or social justice, environmental and/or equitable development work.

Excellent writing, analytic, interpersonal, and public speaking skills.

Ability to relate to, and communicate effectively with, a diverse group of clients, community partners, and staff, as well as nonprofit, government, judicial, and business communities.

Experience working in coalitions of community-based and advocacy organizations.

Excellent strategic judgment and the drive to effectuate challenging campaigns.

Fluency in a second language highly valued.

NMELC offers a competitive salary and generous benefits.

NMELC is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer; we strongly encourage people of color, women and LGBTIQ+ candidates to apply.

Please send cover letter, resume, brief writing sample (3-5 pages) and three references by February 28, 2020, to ejantz@nmelc.org with the words: Attention: Staff Attorney Position. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please mention in your cover letter where you saw this advertisement. Visit us to learn more at www.nmelc.org.