



## **Staff Attorney Position with the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, a nonprofit environmental organization**

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The Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN), based in Bristol, PA, strives to create an inclusive community of staff and volunteers that is representative of the Watershed we serve. We encourage, support, and celebrate the diverse voices of our staff and volunteers. We encourage qualified individuals with diverse backgrounds and relevant experiences to apply.

**DRN is seeking to hire a seasoned litigator/attorney with experience in environmental law.**

DRN works to protect the Delaware River watershed and ecosystems from threats such as shale gas extraction, pipeline and powerline construction, dredging, stormwater runoff, wetlands degradation, species take, and pollution. DRN's legal team consists of two full-time staff attorneys, a junior support attorney, a part-time paralegal, and a semester-based law clinic. The full-time staff attorneys report to Ms. van Rossum, who is the Delaware Riverkeeper, leader of DRN, and also an attorney.

### Description

DRN seeks a Staff Attorney, willing and able to pursue legal action on behalf of the River and its affected communities, to join its legal team.

### General Responsibilities

- Manage own caseload: perform legal research; draft strategy memoranda, pleadings, briefs, and other legal documents for timely filing with courts and other government agencies; and write and present comments and testimony before bodies considering proposals that will affect the environment
- Work both independently and in collaboration with the other members of DRN's legal team as well as DRN's advocacy staff
- Develop and pursue litigation in state and federal courts and administrative tribunals to advance the organization's strategic objectives
- Manage relationships with co-counsel, outside counsel, clients, and coalition partners
- Co-direct the River Resources Environmental Law Clinic, including providing training and legal instruction to law interns
- Supervise junior attorney, paralegal, and law interns

### Required Qualifications

- Law degree received
- Admitted to the state bar(s), or willing to apply for admission, in at least one of the watershed states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, or Delaware
- Two to five years of environmental litigation experience working with the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Natural Gas Act, the Endangered Species Act, and/or other relevant federal and state environmental statutes
- Experience in administrative and judicial proceedings
- Experience in undertaking factual investigations
- Superb research, writing, and oral advocacy skills
- A demonstrated commitment to public service and public interest litigation

### Salary

Base starts at \$70,000 but is negotiable

### Benefits

- Insurance: Medical, Dental, Vision, Life, Short & Long Term Disability
- 401(k) retirement plan with employer match after one year of employment
- Flexible Spending Accounts: Medical, Dependent Care, Transit & Parking Expenses
- Generous time-off policies
- Relaxed work atmosphere and dress code

### Location

The position is located in DRN's main office in Bristol, Bucks County, PA. This position is generally office based. However, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, DRN staff are currently working remotely from their homes.

### Application Procedure

Submit cover letter, resume, names and contact information for three references, at least one writing sample from recent litigation, and other pertinent information

Please send email with the required attachments to the attention of Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, at [keeper@delawariverkeeper.org](mailto:keeper@delawariverkeeper.org).

Email subject line should read, "Staff Attorney Application." No telephone calls.

### Timeline

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

***DRN is an equal opportunity employer.***