

JOB POSTING:
CLIMATE AND ENERGY ATTORNEY
Connecticut Fund for the Environment / Save the Sound
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Would you like an opportunity to harness your advocacy, leadership, and legal skills to make Connecticut a regional leader in fighting climate change? Do you want to enact laws and policies, and help shape litigation, to ensure Connecticut slashes 45% of its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030?

If so, you may be the ideal candidate for the Climate and Energy Attorney position at our region's pre-eminent environmental nonprofit legal advocacy organization. Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound is seeking a dedicated, experienced attorney to help lead its climate program. You will have the opportunity to build on four decades of successful advocacy before Connecticut's legislature, state and federal agencies and courts, and local governments.

As the climate and energy attorney, you will be part of a wider organizational team that employs a broad range of tools: not only legislative and legal action, but also community engagement, policy development, science, engineering, and public relations expertise.

Our staff's sustained advocacy campaigns, tenacious legal work, and engineered projects have proven highly effective in:

- Enacting laws and policies that help Connecticut lead the way to a clean energy future that is safe from climate change;
- Saving forests, wetlands and fragile coastal areas from unwise development;
- Monitoring, identifying and stopping water pollution so our beaches, rivers and Sound are becoming cleaner and healthier;
- Restoring rivers and marshes in many places around the Sound; and
- Engaging thousands of citizens every year in cleaning up 60 miles of coastline.

Position and Responsibilities

Connecticut is at a crossroads in its fight for a healthier climate and cleaner air. A new law mandates significant greenhouse gas reductions by 2030, but to hit that target, the state must ramp up efforts on renewables, make substantial progress in eliminating transportation-related emissions, and invest in energy efficiency improvements within the next several years. The climate and energy attorney is responsible for developing and implementing the climate campaign, and related program projects, that will solidify progress on these fronts.

The energy and environment attorney, with direction from our Chief Program Officer, will also plan, track, and report to demonstrate genuine progress in meeting CFE/Save the Sound's overarching climate and energy goals. Recent priorities include: (1) advocating for meaningful greenhouse gas emissions reductions at the Governor's Council on Climate Change, the

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and the legislature, (2) supporting policies to promote electric vehicles, (3) the Share the Sun campaign, which focuses on public outreach and education around shared solar in local communities, and (4) removing regulatory barriers to deployment of clean and renewable distributed generation.

The position will involve working with multiple stakeholders in the legislature, administration, regulatory agencies, business community, clean energy community, and others, including municipalities and other environmental advocacy groups. It will involve researching and understanding cutting-edge issues regarding climate change, electric vehicles, energy efficiency, clean energy finance, renewable energy deployment, grid modernization, and utility business models. Responsibilities include but are not limited to developing policy agendas, drafting and advocating for legislation, providing comments in administrative proceedings, leading coalitions, and working with communications staff on public outreach materials and press and with development staff on grants. The attorney may also appear before agencies and in federal and state court on behalf of CFE in energy- and climate-related matters.

The climate and energy attorney opening is a full-time, exempt position in New Haven, CT with frequent travel to Hartford. The climate and energy attorney coordinates closely with our communications and development staff and is supervised by our Chief Program Officer, who oversees CFE/Save the Sound's programs.

Qualifications

Candidates must have a J.D. and be admitted to the Connecticut state bar, or be willing to sit for the Connecticut bar at the next available opportunity. Another advanced degree in science, economics, or policy would be helpful but is not required. The ideal candidate should have at least 3 years of postgraduate legal experience, a demonstrated commitment to public interest environmental advocacy, and a background in energy and climate law and policy. He or she should be highly self-motivated, capable of organizing and implementing campaigns, and a strong public representative of CFE/Save the Sound and its mission. Finally, he or she should be an experienced, dynamic self-starter with experience in, and understanding of, legislative and regulatory affairs involving climate and energy, including knowledge of state and federal regulation of utilities. Outstanding research, writing, and communication (including comfort with public speaking) skills are required.

Interested candidates should email a resume, cover letter, writing sample, and three references to climate@ctenvironment.org with "Climate and Energy Attorney" in the subject line. The application process will remain open until a candidate is selected; however CFE advises that materials be submitted before April 9, 2019. Candidates will be interviewed on a rolling basis.

CFE is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on any basis when considering applicants. Compensation is commensurate with education and experience.

Background

Founded in 1978, Connecticut Fund for the Environment merged in 2004 with Save the Sound, a respected voice for the protection of Long Island Sound's shoreline, marine habitat and water quality since 1972. Linking CFE's legal, scientific, and policy expertise with Save the Sound's

proven stewardship, restoration, and community outreach capability has created one of the region's leading environmental organizations. Our mission is to protect and improve the land, air, and water of Connecticut and Long Island Sound. Our staff of 30 works with thousands of partners and stakeholders, including elected officials and community leaders, individual citizen activists (17,000), volunteers (2,500), and members (5,300).

Additional Duties of All CFE/Save the Sound Employees

All employees are expected to assist with execution of the annual development plan to support meeting the annual organizational and campaign budget. Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- Playing a lead or support role in drafting content for grant proposals and funding requests;
- Participating in donor cultivation and solicitation activities in support of small donor development; and
- Supporting the execution of small fundraising events or donor cultivation events.

All employees must also maintain accountability to administrative systems and procedures, including but not limited to:

- Submitting expense reimbursements, credit card reconciliations, invoices, lobbying reports, etc. by the deadlines assigned, as well as submitting content for the outreach calendar;
- Plan, track, and report on individual and departmental work in support of organizational coordination;
- Contribute content for organizational communications and marketing materials.