



Staff Attorney Job Posting

About Interwest Energy Alliance

Established in 2002, the Interwest Energy Alliance is a 501(c)(6) non-profit trade association representing the nation's leading wind, solar, and storage companies, bringing them together with the West's energy and conservation advocacy community to expand deployment of a reliable, cost-effective, and diverse portfolio of renewable energy resources.

Interwest is active in the six states of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. Interwest retains lobbyists, attorneys, and expert consultants to represent its members' interests in its footprint states, focusing on legislative and regulatory proceedings and working with governors, state energy offices, regulators, and other energy policy stakeholders.

Job Summary

Join the Interwest legal team to develop and implement cutting edge legal strategies for the premier renewable energy trade association focused on the Rocky Mountain/Southwest US. This position involves direct representation on renewable energy integration, procurement, utility resource planning, and other issues including transmission expansion and developing a western organized power market. This opportunity to apply top-notch legal acumen to advance renewable power and combat climate change is in the perfect setting – the world class renewable energy resources found in CO, NM, AZ, NV, UT and WY – where our members, who top the US and world in renewable energy projects, are actively developing large-scale wind, solar, storage and transmission projects as these states move forward to 100% clean energy targets. The position also involves utilizing the sharpest legal skills and strategies to develop new and forward-looking state policies at the legislature and utility commissions to successfully deploy heightened levels of renewable technology in the western US.

Scope of Duties

In this full-time position, the Staff Attorney will focus on issues in all six Interwest states and perform the following services in coordination with the Senior Regulatory Counsel.

- Serve as lead counsel in regulatory proceedings at public utility commissions and other venues, through services including developing positions and strategy, preparation of expert witnesses and written testimony, preparation of discovery, appearance at hearings and cross-examination of witnesses, and drafting of pleadings and briefs.
- Coordinate with Interwest's local counsel, expert witnesses, and additional consultants around the region.
- Work with Interwest members to develop policy positions and inform organizational testimony.
- Prepare, with other Interwest consultants and staff, written comments to be submitted in rulemakings and in related venues.
- Develop and deliver written and oral testimony in legislative and regulatory settings.

- Maintain and expand professional working relationships with decision-makers, co-counsel, and coalition partners.
- Develop workable strategies to achieve Interwest's policy goals.
- Participate in Interwest Board and member committee meetings.
- Other duties that may be assigned by the Executive Director.

Qualifications

- Law school graduate with 4+ years legal experience.
- Licensed in, or ability to promptly become licensed in, one or more of Interwest's six states.
- Litigation experience in administrative proceedings strongly preferred.
- Policy background preferred.
- Strong communication skills, both written and oral, as well as the ability to give informative and persuasive presentations in front of diverse audiences. Public speaking experience required.
- Sound judgment and instincts, good analytical, conceptual and strategic thinking skills, the ability to develop and manage projects independently, the ability to adapt and respond quickly to change.
- The ability to work independently, handle multiple tasks simultaneously, establish priorities, meet deadlines, and solve problems as they arise.
- Enthusiasm, patience, and cultural competence to work cooperatively on a variety of projects with lawyers, organizers, other staff members, and with diverse community organizations and coalitions.
- Proven willingness and ability to work productively as part of a team.

Location

Location flexible; should be based in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming with convenient access to airport. Regular travel within the Interior West required; note that travel is minimized during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Salary & Benefits

Salary range for this position \$90,000 - \$110,000; salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits package currently includes health, dental, and vision coverage, a 401(k) retirement plan, paid vacation, sick, and Family & Medical Leave.

Interwest is committed to diversity and a workplace that values the individual and respects differences of race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, religion, ability, and socio-economic circumstance.

Application process

To apply, please send resume/curriculum vitae, writing sample (legal, technical, and/or policy), and cover letter to admin@interwest.org. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.