



Apply Now for Midwest Environmental Advocates' Semester Clinical Externship and Seminar Program – Spring 2019

Midwest Environmental Advocates—an independent, nonprofit, environmental law firm—offers a unique experience for Wisconsin law students to get an in-depth look at all aspects of environmental law practice and nonprofit legal work.

Founded in 1999, Midwest Environmental Advocates provides legal representation and organizing assistance to community groups, local governments, and tribal governments working for clean air, clean water, and environmental justice.

MEA's externship provides students with the opportunity to gain practical working knowledge of environmental law, to participate in environmental advocacy, and to hone their skills on real issues and cases. Students are involved at all levels of litigation from researching new topics in environmental protection to helping prepare briefs in ongoing litigation. MEA also strives to provide students with the opportunity to see and participate in environmental law in action in court, at public hearings, and in the media.



MEA also offers seminars to provide students with a varied and in-depth look at all aspects of the practice of environmental law. Topics have included legal issues in citizen suits, using the Clean Water Act, the inner workings of the Department of Natural Resources, environmental justice, working effectively with citizens' groups and lobbying. Seminars are taught by a combination of MEA's staff and outside experts, including some non-lawyers, who provide unique perspectives on environmental law.



Just the facts:

- Students are awarded up to seven credits on a pass/fail basis for the semester. Students earn 1 credit per 3 hours worked per week. The minimum number of credits allowed is 3 credits or approximately 12 hours per week.
- MEA is willing to work with students who want to earn pro bono credits outside of the traditional externship program.
- The UW staff contact for the program is Erin McBride. She can be reached at erin.mcbride@wisc.edu.
- For more information please visit www.midwestadvocates.org, or contact Ry Carpenter at rcarpenter@midwestadvocates.org.

Applications materials will be accepted until the positions are filed, with preference to those submitted during or before November 1 through November 15. Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (5-pages max) to Ry Carpenter at rcarpenter@midwestadvocates.org.