

## Midwest Environmental Advocates 2019 Summer Advocate

Midwest Environmental Advocates (MEA) is the first and only nonprofit environmental law center in Wisconsin. MEA provides legal and technical support to grassroots groups that are working for environmental justice in the Western Great Lakes region.

MEA's mission is to provide high quality legal services that support a diverse, grassroots social movement; build local leadership; and implement innovative solutions to environmental problems. Our campaigns include fighting factory farm pollution, reducing toxic emissions, protecting sacred places, and ensuring government accountability.

Summer Advocates work closely with MEA attorneys on case development and litigation. This may include drafting pleadings, briefs, and other legal documents; conducting legal research and prepare memoranda; developing strategy and legal theories; gathering evidence; and attending meetings with clients, conferences with opposing counsel, and any court proceedings. Summer Advocates will also have the opportunity to conduct intakes of potential clients, interact with attorneys and other experts, and attend public events such as press conferences and government meetings.

Summer Advocates may also work with MEA's Equal Justice Works (EJW) Fellow, who advocates for state and federal accountability to tribes. The EJW project focuses on legally and technically assisting a collaboration that assesses and addresses Tribes' risks from the State's regulatory failures.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

Applicants must have completed their first year of law school (at time position begins, not necessarily at time of application). Commitment to protecting the environment, demonstrated ability to communicate clearly, and strong research and writing skills are required. Completion of environmental and administrative law courses is preferred. Students enrolled at a Wisconsin law school may apply, though depending upon number of applicants MEA may encourage in-state students to apply for a semester internship opportunity.

### **COMPENSATION:**

Summer Advocates are full-time, temporary employees. Stipends may be available, and MEA strongly encourages student ability to secure funding from their law school or external organization(s). MEA will participate as we are able in matching grants and work study programs.

### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Interested students are encouraged to submit their application materials as soon as possible. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, but those received before Monday February 11, 2019, will receive priority. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample (five pages max.) by email to [rcarpenter@midwestadvocates.org](mailto:rcarpenter@midwestadvocates.org).

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