Apply Now for Midwest Environmental Advocates’ Semester Paralegal Internship and Seminar Program

Midwest Environmental Advocates—an independent, nonprofit, environmental law firm—offers a unique experience for Madison College paralegal students to get an in-depth look at all aspects of environmental law practice and nonprofit legal work, while strengthening critical thinking, judgment, writing, and research skills.

Founded in 1999, Midwest Environmental Advocates (MEA) 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 internship 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:

- Madison College Paralegal students may be awarded three credits on a pass/fail basis through the Madison College Paralegal Program. Students intern at least 140 hours at pre-established times convenient to MEA and the student intern.
- The Madison College contact for the program is Norma Kropp. She can be reached at nkropp@madisoncollege.edu.
- For more information please visit www.midwestadvocates.org/about/law-clerks or contact Ry Carpenter at rcarpenter@midwestadvocates.org.

Applications materials will be accepted until the positions are filled. 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.