



Summer Law Clerk

March 2025

Renewable Northwest offers a summer legal clerkship to those seeking experience in renewable energy advocacy and utility regulation.

ABOUT RENEWABLE NORTHWEST

Renewable Northwest is a regional nonprofit clean energy advocacy organization whose mission is to decarbonize the region by accelerating the transition to renewable electricity. Renewable Northwest serves four Northwest states – Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. Member organizations include leading renewable energy businesses, environmental organizations, consumer groups and other renewable energy sector affiliates. Renewable Northwest offers a dynamic, challenging and rewarding workplace where staff collaborates with members and allies to move the Northwest away from fossil fuels toward a clean energy future. Employees hold individual responsibility for respective focus areas, but are well supported by fellow staff who collaborate closely across policy, regulatory and industry sectors. Visit RenewableNW.org for additional background information.

STATEMENT OF INCLUSION

Renewable Northwest values a diverse workplace and strongly encourages people from diverse backgrounds to apply for this position, including people of color, people with disabilities, immigrants, people with lived experience, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. Renewable Northwest is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants will not be discriminated against based on race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, A status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local laws.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- This position will provide hands-on experience under the direct supervision of an energy law practitioner to a motivated law student interested in administrative law, utility regulation, environmental law, and/or energy law.
- Primary focus on the statutes and proceedings administered by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) with an eye towards its requirements to provide reliable and affordable energy and transmission services for the Pacific Northwest.
- Engage in legal research on a variety of issues in the administrative and energy law spaces.
- Attend workshops, hearings, and other proceedings at BPA.

- Collaborate with other staff from Renewable Northwest's regulatory team on a wide range of issues, including the organization's advocacy before state public utility commissions and other administrative tribunals.
- Network with practicing energy bar attorneys, utility analysts, and employees of other energy and environmental non-profits.
- Honing skills in analytical writing, legislative research and advocacy, policy research and writing, negotiation skills, legal advocacy, and other day-to-day legal skills.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Enrollment at an ABA accredited law school as a rising 2L or 3L.
- Candidates should have excellent legal research and writing skills.
- Strong communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team.
- Strong experience working with Microsoft Office applications (Excel, Word and PowerPoint) and Google Docs.
- A creative, problem-solving mindset is desirable.

COMPENSATION

- This is a paid, temporary position at \$23/hour. This position will not exceed 40 hours per week.
- The length of the clerkship will vary depending upon school schedules, but is not expected to extend beyond 12 weeks. The summer intern position can be remote or hybrid, however the employee must be based in the Pacific Northwest - residing in Oregon, Washington, Montana or Idaho.
- Renewable Northwest staff will work with the selected applicant on a start and end date.

TO APPLY

To submit an application, send the following materials in or PDF format via email to admin@renewablenw.org:

- Cover Letter (Highlight your particular skills/experience as they relate to the duties and responsibilities outlined above)
- Resume
- Writing sample of 3 to 5 pages
- List of three professional references: Include name, title, relationship to you, phone number, and email address. References will be contacted only with applicants permission.

Applicants must be authorized to work for any employer in the U.S. We are unable to sponsor or take over sponsorship of an employment Visa at this time.

Application Deadline: April 6, 2025. Incomplete or late applications may not be considered.