

Applications due October 25, 2021!



# The Environmental Law Section of the California Lawyers Association and the California Lawyers Foundation Diversity & Inclusion Fellowships

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The Environmental Law Section of the California Lawyers Association is seeking applicants for its Diversity & Inclusion Fellowship Program for Summer 2022. The program places law students from underrepresented backgrounds in environmental law internship positions at participating public interest organizations and governmental agencies. Students are also paired with a practicing environmental lawyer to provide mentoring and are invited to participate in other environmental law related activities over the summer. Fellows receive a stipend of \$6,500 for an 8-10 week summer internship. This program is co-sponsored by the California Lawyers Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Further details are provided on the reverse side of this flier. **Applications are due October 25, 2021. Application materials, forms, and additional information are available at <https://calawyers.org/section/environmental-law/fellowships/>**

THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION  
**DIVERSITY & INCLUSION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM – SUMMER 2022**

The Environmental Law Section of the California Lawyers Association (CLA) is pleased to announce its Diversity & Inclusion Fellowship program for Summer 2022. The program is co-sponsored with the California Lawyers Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The program provides opportunities for law students to work in governmental and public interest environmental law organizations in order to develop their interests and skills in the environmental law field. The program is designed to foster diversity in Environmental Law Section membership, which is one of the core objectives in the Section's Mission Statement. To that end, the Section encourages students from diverse backgrounds to become environmental lawyers and join the California environmental bar, with the goal that over time our Section membership will better reflect the diversity of all Californians.

**The Fellowship:**

- An 8-10 week internship as a Diversity & Inclusion Law Fellow at a participating government agency or a public interest organization in the field of environmental, energy, land use, or natural resources law, with a \$6,500 stipend.
- Assignment of a mentor from the Environmental Law Section.
- Participation in Environmental Law Section and local environmental bar association events as available.
- Scholarship to the Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite®, October 2022 (free registration).

**Selection Criteria:**

- Interest in environmental issues.
- Leadership qualities and ability.
- Academic record.
- Background that is diverse or underrepresented in the legal profession (including but not limited to diversity arising from the applicant's sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, color, race, religion, ancestry, national origin, familial status, marital status, mental or physical disability, or genetic information); and/or background that may have presented obstacles to accessing the legal profession, such as family financial hardship while growing up, being the first in one's family to go to college, or geographical circumstances, such as coming from a rural or inner-city background that limited social interaction with lawyers.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Open to all law students interested in practicing environmental law in California. Preference will be given to first and second-year students; however, third-year students who are not taking the Bar exam during the summer will also be considered.
- Law students must be members of the CLA Environmental Law Section in order to participate in the Program. The CLA allows law students up to three free one-year Section memberships; students who are not already members will be required to join the Environmental Law Section if selected for a Fellowship.

**Application Package:**

- A completed application form.
- A resume.
- An undergraduate transcript.
- A law school transcript (except for first year law students).
- A law school letter verifying current academic status.
- A personal statement (not to exceed 2 pages) describing how the applicant meets the selection criteria.
- Two references, including one from a law school professor.

Fellowship selections will be based on the application materials and may include personal telephonic interviews by members of the selection committee. Applicants may also be interviewed by prospective placement organizations.