

**CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

POSITION TITLE: ATTORNEY

PROGRAM: Environmental Health LOCATION: Washington, DC or Geneva

SUPERVISOR: David Azoulay, Program Director

SALARY: D.o.E.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

CIEL's Environmental Health Attorney will be a seasoned legal advocate and policy analyst passionate about protecting communities and the environment from toxic exposure. The Environmental Health program is deeply engaged in the fight to improve the regulation of toxic chemicals around the world, and to prevent actions that will undermine the progress that has been made, at the international and national levels. The program combines over twenty years of experience working to reform US, EU, and global laws for chemical management, with recognized expertise using international trade law to protect our right—and the right of future generations—to a healthy planet.

The attorney will build strong ties with coalitions and networks from all sectors and from all continents to promote a common and progressively stronger set of global approaches for the safe management of chemicals and waste. This work is grounded in relevant international norms, including human rights. An initial focus of the attorney will be continuing CIEL's leadership in analyzing and addressing the impact of the ongoing Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations on the regulation of chemicals and waste on both sides of the Atlantic.

The attorney will produce cutting edge legal analysis; develop and implement advocacy campaigns; raise awareness among media and decision-makers; and mobilize public support to protect children and communities from toxic risks. This position involves work on negotiating new international treaties; changing public policy and corporate practices; advocating for the precautionary approach; and increasing attention on emerging toxic threats, like endocrine disrupting chemicals and nanomaterials. The attorney will work with NGO partners and coalitions in the Global South to prevent transfer and disposal of chemical waste near vulnerable communities with limited resources, and to support communities affected by toxic exposure from industrial processes, like metal mining.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Programmatic Responsibilities:

1. In collaboration with the Program Director and other Environmental Health Program staff members, develop and deliver high impact campaigns and legal strategies to advance CIEL's strategic priorities and programmatic objectives, ensuring highest quality work product;
2. Develop and maintain expertise in international legal and policy frameworks for chemicals management and toxic risks, and monitor relevant ongoing activities affecting program goals;
3. Lead CIEL's work on analyzing and addressing the impact of transatlantic trade on environmental health, focusing in particular on ongoing TTIP negotiations;
4. Establish and maintain effective working relationships with relevant communities, partner organizations, agencies, and intergovernmental organizations;
5. Prepare legal and policy analyses, briefing documents, written comments, and educational materials for submission to institutions, governments, NGO partners, and communities;
6. Develop fact sheets, press releases, and other online and print materials to educate, inform, and engage CIEL funders, supporters, and the public;

7. Represent CIEL in public meetings, workshops, hearings, and other processes;
8. Coordinate with relevant staff in other CIEL programs to ensure consistency and integration across programs in support of CIEL's strategic priorities;
9. Ensure information flow within Environmental Health Program and with other CIEL staff; and
10. Perform other job related duties as requested by Program Director.

Management and Administration:

1. Participate in weekly organizational staff meetings and other relevant meetings as requested by the President, Director of Finance and Administration, and other team members;
2. Assist in the preparation of monthly program reports, annual project and program plans, and operating budgets in line with both short term and long term goals and objectives;
3. Assist in fundraising by participating in identifying and undertaking research on prospective funders, and prepare funding applications, proposals, reports, and other communications;
4. Supervise and take responsibility for the professional development of law fellows and interns;
5. Maintain timesheets contemporaneously and submit them on time; and
6. Participate in an annual CIEL staff performance evaluation.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum Qualifications:

1. J.D. or equivalent law degree;
2. Exceptional research, writing, and communication skills; demonstrated ability to write clearly and compellingly for a variety of audiences, including policymakers and the general public;
3. 3 years of practical experience in related areas of law and policy, including international environmental law and trade;
4. Demonstrated ability to do complex legal and policy analysis;
5. Ability to work independently and experience leading small project teams;
6. Strong organizational skills and ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously;
7. Demonstrated experience working with civil society organizations and a diverse range of people and groups;
8. Ability to travel periodically and for extended periods;
9. Necessary immigration status or permit to work in the United States or Switzerland;
10. Active membership in at least one bar association; and eligibility for membership to D.C. Bar within 1 year. (This requirement does not apply for attorneys based in Geneva.)

Desired Qualifications:

1. Experience with human rights issues;
2. Working knowledge of REACH;
3. Experience with external fundraising to support project goals;
4. Ability to communicate effectively in one or more foreign languages.

About CIEL

For more than two decades, CIEL has used the power of law to protect the environment, promote human rights, and ensure a just and sustainable society. We seek a world where the law reflects and upholds the interconnection between humans and the environment, respects the limits of the planet, protects the dignity and equality of each person, and encourages all of earth's inhabitants to live in balance with each other.