

Employment Opportunities: Marine Lawyer / Indigenous Rights Lawyer

West Coast Environmental Law harnesses the power of law to solve complex environmental challenges. We work to transform environmental decision-making and strengthen legal protection for the environment through collaborative legal strategies that bridge Indigenous and Canadian law.

West Coast is seeking lawyers who are passionate about using their legal skills to achieve environmental sustainability, social justice and Indigenous self-determination. We have two immediate openings for one-year contract staff lawyer positions, with the potential for the positions to be extended or become permanent.

The ideal candidate will:

- have the substantive experience described below;
- be a thoughtful strategist with strong legal research and analysis skills;
- enjoy community outreach and coalition work;
- be a dynamic communicator, able to thrive in highly charged situations and adapt to changing conditions to get the job done; and
- be a member of the Law Society of British Columbia.

Staff Lawyer –Marine Law

- Candidates should have a strong understanding of ocean law and Aboriginal law

Responsibilities will include:

- providing legal support to conservation groups and Indigenous nations working to protect marine spaces and assisting governments to reach marine protection targets;
- developing and advancing legal solutions related to marine protection, based on comprehensive research and analysis;
- developing and delivering public legal education events and resources; and,
- external collaboration with coalitions and diverse allies to achieve common objectives; internal collaboration with legal and non-legal staff on organizational projects and objectives.

Staff Lawyer –Indigenous Conservation Strategies

Candidates should have:

- training and experience with the Indigenous Law Research Unit methodology for researching Indigenous law through story and/or in their own Indigenous legal tradition;
- a strong understanding of Canadian and BC laws related to land, water and ocean protection; and,
- experience in government relations, policy analysis and/or law reform.

Responsibilities will include:

- providing legal support to Indigenous nations in developing Indigenous Protected & Conserved Areas (IPCAs) according to their own laws;
- removing barriers and advancing legal recognition of IPCAs by Crown governments in cooperation with Indigenous nations and organizations;
- contributing to and participating in [RELAW](#) (Revitalizing Indigenous Law for Land, Air and Water) retreats, and community-based workshops and focus groups about Indigenous law; and,

- external collaboration with coalitions and diverse allies to achieve common objectives; internal collaboration with legal and non-legal staff on organizational projects and objectives.

Remuneration: \$65,000 - \$90,000 depending on year of call (minimum 3-5 year call preferred) plus competitive benefit package.

At West Coast Environmental Law, we aim to promote equity and challenge discrimination. We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds, nationalities, gender identities, sexual orientations, religions and beliefs.

Please send CV and cover letter by March 25, 2021 to admin@wcel.org with “Staff Lawyer” in the subject line. Your cover letter should indicate which position you are most interested in. We thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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