

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: Staff Attorney

Reports to: Executive Director/Riverkeeper

Job Classification: Full-time, exempt

Location: Savannah, Georgia

Compensation: Based on experience and qualifications with a minimum of \$52,000.00 per year, a generous leave policy, paid holidays, contributions to an IRA retirement account, health insurance stipend, cell phone allowance, and reimbursement of travel and other business-related expenses.

Job Summary:

Ogeechee Riverkeeper (ORK) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect, preserve, and improve the water quality of the Ogeechee River Basin. ORK is seeking a highly motivated individual to join our team as **Staff Attorney**. This position will manage our litigation and regulatory advocacy efforts to protect and restore inland and coastal waters throughout the entire Ogeechee River Basin and promote sustainable water policies within the state of Georgia. This position will report to ORK's Executive Director/Riverkeeper and will work closely with our Science & Policy Manager, advocacy team, and outside legal counsel to advance ORK's mission to protect, preserve and improve the water quality of our basin.

Key Responsibilities and Tasks

- Work with outside legal counsel to develop, file, and pursue judicial branch and administrative procedures against pollution violators.
- Provide organizational support for legal and policy work by collaborating with communications staff, attending regular staff meetings, and participating in public-facing events
- Collaborate with other staff members to seamlessly integrate legal work into other mission critical campaigns
- Liaise with Legal Committee and provide written and verbal reports to the Board of Directors
- Work with ORK staff, collaborators, and outside legal counsel to draft changes to local ordinances aimed to protect vulnerable communities, and support smart and sustainable development.

- Join meetings with local/state leaders and other key stakeholders, and develop written and oral testimony as needed to support ORK's advocacy positions.
- Coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies and partner organizations to achieve common goals and spur needed changes.
- Review and comment on permit applications in support of ORK's mission.
- Write, submit, and review applicable open record requests as needed.
- Other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications and Education:

- Must be a law school graduate and be a member of the Georgia bar in good standing.
- Experience/familiarity with water laws and regulations, including the federal Clean Water Act and state and local equivalents.
- Passionate about water quality restoration and protection of Georgia's rivers, creeks, swamps, coast, and underground water resources.
- Computer literacy including MS Office products: Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point. Proficiency in Google Workspace: Drive, Gmail, Calendar, Contacts.
- The ability to multitask in a fast-paced, collaborative environment.
- Independent work ethic with a sense of urgency to complete tasks accurately and on-schedule.
- Capable of successfully working in diverse communities throughout the Ogeechee River Basin.
- Must pass a background check
- Valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and proof of vehicle insurance.

Physical Requirements:

- Sitting, standing occasionally for long periods of time, extensive use of computer and associated keyboarding, repetitive motion, reaching, climbing stairs, and walking.
- Climbing stairs repeatedly throughout the workday.
- Ability to work evenings and weekends when needed; some late evenings and travel will be required.

To Apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and three references to Info@ogeecheeriverkeeper.org with "Staff Attorney" in the subject line. ORK will begin reviewing applicants on November 21, 2022 and will continue to receive applications until the position is filled.

About Ogeechee Riverkeeper: Ogeechee Riverkeeper 501(c)(3) works to protect, preserve, and improve the water quality of the Ogeechee River basin, which includes all of the streams flowing

out to Ossabaw Sound and St. Catherine's Sound. The Canoochee River is about 108 miles long and the Ogeechee River itself is approximately 245 miles long. The Ogeechee River system drains more than 5,500 square miles across 21 counties in Georgia. More at ogeecheeriverkeeper.org.