

State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Trenton, New Jersey

Paid Internship Opportunity

This is an in person position

Division: Office of the General Counsel

Number of Positions: One (1)

Salary: \$15.00 per hour

Work Hours: 10–20 hours per week (varies depending on semester)

General Unit Description: The Legal Department of New Jersey's lead energy regulator, the Board of Public Utilities, is seeking a legal intern. The NJBPU is leading theeffort to implement Governor Murphy's ambitious goals of having a 100% clean energy grid by 2035, and the person selected for this position will work on cutting-edge legal issues related to grid modernization, broadband access, solar, electric vehicles, offshore wind, as well as traditional public utility work.

The appropriate candidate will work as part of cross-disciplinary teams to solve some of the most complex and impactful legal issues in New Jersey government, while ensuring that electricity, gas and water rates remain fair to consumers and equitable to all New Jersey citizens. Law clerks must be excellent writers, work well as part of an integrated team, make recommendations on the impact of proposed or existing legislation, and complete other tasks as assigned.

Legal Department Law Clerk:

What you will do:

- Report to the General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel at the NJBPU and work with the clean energy and other teams on assigned tasks.
- Contribute to the review of formal petitions filed by utilities and other interested parties.
- Assist in legal drafting and research of orders, rulemakings, and policy documents.
- Participate in internal and stakeholder meetings.

What you will learn:

- Gain insight into New Jersey laws and policies affecting clean energy deployment.
- Understand administrative practice before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.
- A brief overview of the fundamentals of energy and water regulation.

What we'd like to see:

- Strong legal research, writing and editing skills.
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to meet project deadlines.
- Ability to effectively work in teams and independently.
- Proficiency in MS Office programs, such as Excel, PowerPoint and Word.

Education/Experience: The Law Clerk in this position should be a law student, preferably having completed their 2L year, with a preference for students that have completed relevant coursework in energy, environmental or New Jersey administrative law, or have related undergraduate coursework. Recent law school graduates or exceptional 1Ls will also be considered.

Law students with relevant undergraduate, previous job, or classroom experience in the energy sector are encouraged to apply, as are candidates who have shown a strong commitment to remedying the historical under-representation of people of color in energy through their work promoting inclusion and diversity, as well as through their own lived experiences. The Board specifically welcomes applications from students that have taken a non-traditional path to seeking their law degree, as well as those who followed a more conventional route.

Note: We invite members of all diverse communities to join our workforce as we endeavor to best serve New Jerseyans from every background. We believe that by welcoming differences, encouraging new ideas and views, listening to and learning from each other, and providing opportunities for professional enrichment we are better able to serve those around us.

Estimated Project Duration and Work Schedule: The NJBPU requires interns to work a minimum of 10-20 hours per week (varies depending on semester). An extension into the next semester will be taken into consideration.

To Apply: Please submit the following to humanresources@bpu.nj.gov: resume; brief writing sample; most recent transcript (unofficial copy acceptable); Personal Relationships Disclosure Form (Click Here) and three references (name and phone number for either professional or educational contacts). In the subject line, please follow the format of "NAME [first last], Semester Year [i.e. Spring 2023], and Division [i.e. Reliability and Security] Intern Application". Applications are due one month prior to the start of the internship cycle, so if you are applying for a Summer role, your application is due no later than May 1 of the given year.

Note: Law Clerks must be New Jersey Residents or attend a New Jersey law school.

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