

2012-13 CROWN ATTORNEY FELLOWSHIP

CLIMATE, RENEWABLE ENERGY, OPEN SPACE, WATER, AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Office of the Sonoma County Counsel • Santa Rosa, California

We invite third-year students and recent graduates to apply to our CROWN (Climate, Renewable Energy, Open Space, Water, and Natural Resources) Attorney Fellowship program.

We are looking for an individual with strong academic credentials, considerable coursework or experience in the areas of sustainability, renewable energy, climate change, water, open space, or environmental law, and a strong interest in pursuing a career in these areas with a public agency or non-profit.

OUR CLIENTS | Sonoma County clients are undertaking novel, innovative projects in the areas of climate change mitigation, renewable energy generation, fisheries restoration, and water supply:

- The Sonoma County Energy Independence Program (SCEIP) provides secured financing to allow residents and businesses to implement renewable power and energy and water conservation projects. SCEIP is the first program of its kind in California.
- The Sonoma County Water Agency's Biological Opinion activities seek to improve habitat conditions in local rivers and streams for three threatened and endangered salmon species.
- The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's land acquisition and management programs protect land in the county for future generations.
- The Sonoma County Water Agency's renewable power projects seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide a stable, sustainable source of electricity for Agency use.
- The Regional Climate Protection Authority is a first-of-its-kind public entity, charged with coordinating climate protection efforts among Sonoma County's nine cities and multiple county agencies in an effort to meet the region's greenhouse gas reduction goal of 25% below 1990 levels by 2015.
- The County of Sonoma's Energy and Sustainability Division seeks to reduce the County's greenhouse gas footprint through conservation and renewable energy projects.
- The Sonoma County Water Agency is investigating whether to implement a Community Choice Aggregation program in Sonoma County, which would provide reliable, less carbon-intensive, locally-produced renewable power to residents.

Sonoma County will continue to search for ways to mitigate the impacts of climate change, provide secure, clean energy and water to its residents, and protect its open space, water, and other natural resources.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES | The CROWN Fellow will work on these and other future projects under the direction of a senior Lead Attorney within the County Counsel's Office. The position will allow the Fellow to gain "hands on" public agency experience while working on pioneering public resource issues – climate change, renewable energy, open space, and water. The position offers the possibility of both challenging research (including drafting legislation) and participating in the development of programs "on the ground" in close contact with policymakers and staff. We encourage third year students (or recent graduates who have their California bar license) who have a passion for environmental law and policy, or are considering working on resource issues for a government or public agency, to consider applying for the Fellowship position.

TERM AND COMPENSATION | Fellows will be selected for a one-year term, beginning in the Fall of 2012. The Fellowship is a paid position with a salary of \$50,000 to \$55,000 for the 12 month fellowship term.

ABOUT OUR OFFICE | The Sonoma County Counsel's Office consists of 30 attorneys and 10 support staff grouped into three practice areas. We represent the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and all County departments, and over 30 special districts and agencies. Our attorneys are committed to public service and to practicing law in a collegial atmosphere that strives to provide the highest quality of client representation. Our work is very challenging and fulfilling in that we get to see the results of our work in our clients and communities.

ABOUT SONOMA COUNTY | Located about one hour's drive north of San Francisco, Sonoma County is located in the beautiful wine country and combines in one location the outstanding Northern California coastline, extensive outdoor recreational opportunities, world-class wineries, fine dining and a wide variety of entertainment and cultural activities. Close to the Bay Area, yet with a slower pace, Sonoma County is an exceptional place to live and work.

APPLICATION PROCESS | Students interested in applying for the Fellowship should apply on-line at www.yourpath2sonomacounty.org. In addition to the on-line application, students should send a cover letter, a resume or CV, a copy of their law school transcript, a writing sample, academic/work references, and a brief description of the areas of research or interest they would like to pursue during the Fellowship. These materials should be sent via email to Steve.Shupe@sonoma-county.org or via regular mail to the address below. We will set up personal interviews with interested students located in the greater San Francisco Bay Area and arrange telephone or internet interviews with students in other areas. Students both within and outside California will be considered for the fellowship position, and we encourage all interested students to apply.

QUESTIONS | Feel free to email or call us - we're happy to answer any questions you have about our program.

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We are enthusiastic about our fellowship program and look forward to receiving your application.

