



## BAYOU CITY WATERKEEPER®

### Legal Internship - Summer 2019

Bayou City Waterkeeper in Houston, Texas, seeks 2-4 legal interns for the Summer of 2019. Internships generally are full-time and last six or twelve weeks, though alternative arrangements may be made on a case-by-case basis. Legal interns will report directly to Bayou City Waterkeeper's Legal Director.

**Please submit application materials to [careers@bayoucitywaterkeeper.org](mailto:careers@bayoucitywaterkeeper.org) no later than February 15, 2019.** Applicants will be contacted regarding interviews no later than March 1, 2019. Out-of-town applicants will be interviewed by google hangouts; travel to Houston for an interview is neither expected nor required.

#### **About Bayou City Waterkeeper**

For 17 years, Bayou City Waterkeeper, founded as Galveston Baykeeper, has worked for the benefit of the Lower Galveston Bay Watershed. In 2001, Galveston Baykeeper emerged out of the Galveston Bay Conservation and Preservation Association citizen group, which focused on combatting the industrialization of Galveston Bay. In June 2017, Galveston Baykeeper formally changed its name to Bayou City Waterkeeper to reflect the work we do across the Lower Galveston Bay watershed and show our connection and dedication to the health of upstream bayous and other urban and suburban waterways that connect to the Bay and Gulf of Mexico.

Since its founding, Bayou City Waterkeeper has focused its efforts on wetlands protection, regional and local stormwater permits and infrastructure, water quality concerns and compliance under the Clean Water Act. Today, we focus on promoting water quality, protecting regional wetlands, and fighting for long-term resilience across our watershed, which faces increased flooding, hurricanes, and storm surges.

#### **Overview of Internship**

Bayou City Waterkeeper long has valued the role that selective, strategic litigation may play in advancing our broader programmatic goals, and in July 2018, Bayou City Waterkeeper hired our first Legal Director to oversee our litigation and other legal activities across the Lower Galveston Bay watershed. Interns will report directly to the Legal Director.

A legal internship with Bayou City Waterkeeper will offer you experience in reviewing, analyzing, and discussing water-related environmental law issues. It also will expose you to how Bayou City Waterkeeper crafts and builds community power, engages local groups and leaders, and creates coalitions with other local non-profit organizations, community groups, and policymakers across the Gulf Coast to influence policy and win local advocacy campaigns. As an intern, you will learn more about working as a lawyer at a small environmental non-profit organization, have the opportunity to make an impact on critical local environmental legal issues, and help further Bayou City Waterkeeper's mission of making the waterways of the Lower Galveston Bay Watershed fishable, drinkable, and swimmable.

Our ideal candidate is self-motivated, energetic, and flexible, and a strategic thinker with very strong writing abilities, good organizational skills, and a passion for the environment and social justice. To the extent possible, Bayou City Waterkeeper will tailor your responsibilities, projects, and feedback to your personal areas of interest and longer-term career goals.

## Diversity & Inclusion

Bayou City Waterkeeper deeply values, and is committed to sustaining and promoting, both biological and cultural diversity. We welcome, embrace, and respect diversity of people, identities, and cultures and are committed to fostering an organizational culture of diversity and inclusion. We believe staff and board diversity is critical to our mission of making the waterways comprising the Lower Galveston Bay watershed fishable, drinkable, and swimmable for all our communities.

## Primary Responsibilities

Under the supervision of an attorney, legal interns may:

- Research legal issues, write legal memorandums, and assist in drafting legal briefs;
- Attend any hearings, depositions, and other case-related conferences;
- Assist with drafting technical comments on federal, state, and local rule makings that affect the region;
- Attend and report on meetings and hearings hosted by other non-profit organizations, community coalitions, or regional governmental entities on issues related to our programmatic goals;
- Research and write legal updates for our website, newsletter, social media; and,
- Assist with other legal-related tasks to build support for clean water, resilient communities, and wetlands protection in the Greater Houston-Galveston area.

## Required Qualifications

A rising 2L or 3L who will be in Houston for at least six weeks during the summer of 2019. If you are an international student, we cannot review your application unless you are part of a program that arranges your paperwork for you; we cannot arrange an H1B visa.

## Academic Credit and/or Funding

This is an unpaid internship. We will work with you to meet any requirements for earning externship or pro bono credits through your school or to obtain funding from your school or other sources. If your school does not offer externship or pro bono credit and you are not able to obtain funding through your school, please let us know, and we will work with you to obtain funding to the extent possible.

## Application Materials

Please submit the following to Kristen Schlemmer at [careers@bayoucitywaterkeeper.org](mailto:careers@bayoucitywaterkeeper.org) by **February 15, 2019**:

- A 2-3 paragraph letter of interest. In addition to explaining why you would like to intern with Bayou City Waterkeeper, please note whether you would prefer a six or twelve-week internship (and if six, note which half of the summer) and whether you will be seeking externship or pro bono credit through your school or funding through your school or other sources, or if such credit and funding are not available.
- Resume.
- Unofficial law school transcript.
- Writing sample or excerpt **not to exceed five pages**. Please include a cover page with your writing sample that explains the context in which you prepared the sample and the extent to which you received and incorporated feedback from other individuals.

Thank you for your interest. Applicants will be contacted regarding interviews no later than March 1, 2019. Out-of-town applicants will be interviewed by google hangouts; travel to Houston for an interview is neither expected nor required.