The Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) is the Midwest’s leading environmental legal advocacy organization. We drive transformational policy changes with national impacts.

We show that environmental progress and economic development can be achieved together by putting sustainability principles into practice. We advance climate solutions effectively by accelerating clean renewable energy alternatives to conventional power plants and advancing clean transportation solutions. We protect the Great Lakes and defend the Midwest’s wild and natural places, and we fight for safe, clean water and healthy clean air for all. We combine effective public interest litigation with strategic policy advocacy, sound science, and economic analysis. ELPC produces strong results for the environment in the courtrooms, boardrooms, and legislative hearing rooms across the pivotal Midwest states and in Washington D.C.

Come join our winning team of talented, mission-driven professionals, who passionately work together to protect the environment and natural resources in the Midwest region.

The Environmental Law & Policy Center offers several policy and science internships for undergraduate and graduate students. Applicants should have a strong academic record, excellent writing and analytical skills, and a demonstrated interest in and commitment to public interest and environmental advocacy.

Policy and Science Interns assist ELPC’s Senior Policy Advocates, Policy Advocates, and Data Scientist. Tasks include: promoting environmentally sustainable transportation policies and projects across the Midwest, preserving our natural resources and protecting our national forests, advancing global warming solutions, working on clean energy projects, grass roots advocacy, and special projects. Interns may also attend meetings with local, state and federal agencies, elected officials, and concerned citizens.

ELPC’s Policy Team seeks an intern interested in being part of one or more of the following projects:
• Electric School buses: Contribute to ongoing efforts to accelerate the adoption of zero emission vehicles across the Midwest
• Vegetative buffers: participate in project seeking vegetative barriers to protect students and school staff from near roadway air pollution
• Science-Policy Confluence conference: help with planning our spring 2024 conference on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
• Northwest Indiana Air, Parks, and Water Protector Project: research pollution sources and violations in Northwest Indiana to assist in efforts to get them cleaned up
• Wilderness Protection: Help coordinate efforts towards Wilderness designation for a collection of unique Michigan areas