



Environmental Foundation (Guarantee) Limited Legal Division

The Environmental Foundation (Guarantee) Limited (EFL) was established in 1981 as a non-profit public interest law group, with a mission is to conserve and enhance the natural environment of Sri Lanka. Since its initiation, EFL has been actively involved in protecting and conserving the environment through mediation, litigation, and scientific research and projects.

Following its first legal case in the Supreme Court, EFL has handled over 200 cases, achieving significant victories in the Eppawala Phosphate Case, the Kandalama Hotel Case and the Galle Face Green Case. Two critical cases handled by EFL in the recent past include the Air Pollution Case, where EFL convinced the government to make vehicle emissions testing mandatory as well as the Case on the Sampur Coal Power Plant, where EFL convinced the Supreme Court of the negative environmental and humanitarian impacts of the plant.

Terms of Reference

Job role – Head of Legal

Contract period – 01st August, 2019 – 31st March, 2020 (Renewable)

Commitment – 5 days per week or as required by work (full time)

Duties and responsibilities

- Undertake and manage all ongoing and pending legal work of EFL
- Manage a team of lawyers, apprentices, legal interns
- Draft pleadings and other legal documents.
- Conduct legal research and analysis and carry out legal projects
- Provide advisory opinions on legal issues relevant to investigations
- Liaise with the science division when adopting strategies for investigations
- Participate in investigations and site visits when necessary.
- Providing legal advice to aggrieved parties.
- Carrying out legal and/or policy research and publish policy papers and/or publications
- Engage in deliberations of national committees and make recommendations for ongoing national policies/ action plans

- Engage in proposal writing, fund raising for the legal division
- Conduct legal education and awareness programs.
- Liaise with all relevant governmental departments, agencies and other stakeholders on a regular basis; and
- All other work agreed upon with the Management.

Pre-requisites

- An Attorney-at-Law with 3-5 years' experience
- LL.B or equivalent required; Masters in Environmental Law desirable
- A good command of the English Language
- Experience in litigation, particularly in Writs and Fundamental Rights applications
- Strong analytical, research and written communication skills
- A keen interest in environmental issues and public interest litigation
- Strong leadership skills and innovative problem solver
- Self-motivated individual with an ability to inspire and lead the legal division

Direct reporting lines: Board of Directors

Other reporting lines: Head of Operations

Please send in your CV together with a cover letter to legal@efl.lk and projects@efl.lk on or before the 26th of July, 2019 or contact us on 011-2890992 for further information.