Climate Change and Animal Agriculture Litigation Fellow

The Law, Ethics, and Animals Program (LEAP) at Yale Law School is hiring a Litigation Fellow to join the Climate Change & Animal Agriculture Litigation Initiative (CCAALI). CCAALI, which launched in 2021, is focused on the potential for litigation in the United States based on animal agriculture’s contributions to climate change. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to a high-impact and cutting-edge research initiative at a preeminent university, collaborate with NGOs and partner institutions on potential litigation, and engage with varied areas of law including animal law, climate law, environmental law, and environmental justice. The Litigation Fellow will receive a one-year appointment beginning in summer/late summer 2024 (exact start date flexible).

The Litigation Fellow will have a leading role in helping to develop an emerging area of legal activity through legal research, writing, strategic decision making, relationship building, public education, and collaborating with subject matter experts at Yale and Beyond. The Litigation Fellow will be supervised by the CCAALI Project Manager with guidance and engagement from LEAP faculty and support from student research assistants. The position is preferably based at Yale Law School in New Haven, but remote work in Yale-approved states will be considered for strong candidates.

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Graduation with a distinguished academic record from a U.S. law school;
- Substantial experience in litigation, environmental law, climate law, animal law, agricultural law, and/or other relevant areas of practice;
- Record of scholarship, policy briefs, legal briefs, or other relevant writing and publications;
- Comfort interpreting scientific literature and technical concepts;
- Strong interpersonal skills and enthusiasm for teamwork;
- Capacity to work hard, efficiently, and independently; and
- Commitment to public service or social justice work.

The Litigation Fellow will receive a competitive salary commensurate with experience level plus Yale University benefits. Applicants must have authorization to work in the United States.

Application materials should be sent to daina.bray@yale.edu and include the following:

- Cover letter describing the candidate’s qualifications and including a statement of the applicant’s interests and experience;
• Resume;
• Law school transcript;
• Sample of recent scholarly, policy, or advocacy writing; and
• Contact information for two or three references.

We strongly encourage applications from candidates whose identities have been historically under-represented in the legal profession and the animal and environmental protection movements.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please direct any questions about the position or the application process to daina.bray@yale.edu.

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