

Glynn D. Key Associate Attorney Fellowship

The Southern Environmental Law Center is currently accepting applications for the Glynn D. Key Associate Attorney Fellowship. The Fellow will work in one of the following offices: Atlanta, GA; Birmingham, AL; Chapel Hill, NC; Charleston, SC; Charlottesville, VA - Virginia Office; Nashville, TN. Start date Fall 2021.

This entry-level position is open to recent law graduates, attorneys completing clerkships, and practicing attorneys with a strong interest in or a demonstrated commitment to advancing environmental justice. It is an exciting opportunity to be part of an organization that is successfully addressing some of the most important and challenging public health and environmental issues in the Southeast and the nation. Fellows gain valuable experience and knowledge working with more senior attorneys on litigation and legal advocacy in state and federal courts and before regulatory agencies, and they are provided the opportunity to work on at least one project with an environmental justice component. The term for this fellowship position is two years, with the potential for a third year.

About Glynn D. Key:



Glynn D. Key (1964-2014) was a widely admired and respected lawyer who broke through many racial and gender barriers in her life and career. A native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, she attended the University of Virginia as a Jefferson Scholar, and served as the first African-American chair of the Honor Committee, as well as president of the Student Council. She also received her law degree from UVA, and began her legal career as an associate at Covington & Burling in Washington, DC.

From 1993 to 1996 she served in the first Clinton administration in the Department of the Interior as Special Assistant and Counsel to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt. At Interior, she was the lead negotiator of the \$700 million groundbreaking Everglades restoration settlement among environmentalists, local Indian tribes, the farming industry, and the federal and state governments. Glynn then joined the Washington DC firm of Wilmer Hale where she was a partner in the corporate department practicing general corporate and environmental law. Glynn later became general counsel for General Electric in its Coal Gasification and Water & Process Technologies Division, where she served until her sudden death at the tragically young age of 50. Despite the demands of a successful professional career, Glynn generously shared her time and expertise in her communities, serving on many boards and councils including her alma mater's Board of Visitors and Alumni Association (President).

SELCL was fortunate to have Glynn serve on our Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2009.

About SELC: With nine offices across the region (Charlottesville and Richmond, VA; Washington, DC; Chapel Hill and Asheville, NC; Atlanta, GA; Charleston, SC; Birmingham, AL; and Nashville, TN), SELC is widely recognized as the Southeast's foremost environmental organization and regional leader. For over thirty years, SELC has worked on a full range of environmental issues to protect the South's natural resources and the health and well-being of its people. Although the organization's regional focus is the Southeast, much of our work is national in scope and impact.

SELC works in Congress and state legislatures to inform environmental laws; in regulatory agencies to implement environmental laws and policies; and in the courts to enforce the law, stop the worst abuses, and set important precedents. The organization works collaboratively with more than 100 national, state, and local groups to enhance their efficacy and achieve common conservation goals. We currently have a staff of more than 150, with over 80 attorneys, including some of the nation's leading experts in their respective fields. Additional information regarding our work and staff is available at www.southernenvironment.org.

SELC believes that a broad range of ideas, life experiences, and backgrounds enriches our workplace, drives innovative thinking, and attracts highly talented people who seek a work environment that values the unique contributions of individual team members. We are eager to welcome new team members who share this belief. We still have much progress to make, but our goal is to create and maintain a staff that, at every level, reflects the rich racial and cultural diversity of the communities where we work and the clients that we serve. SELC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and committed to fostering a transparently inclusive workplace environment. We are looking for people to join us in this effort. Persons of all backgrounds—including people of color, women, people with disabilities, veterans, and LGBTQ candidates—are strongly encouraged to apply.

Qualifications and Compensation: The successful candidate will possess a genuine interest in and commitment to helping SELC foster a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable workplace as well as a demonstrated commitment to advancing environmental justice, and a strong academic background and commitment to SELC's mission are required. Salary is \$72,000 – \$82,000 depending on experience and includes an excellent benefits package. Interested persons should apply now.

Applications: Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, law school transcript or grade report (with date of birth and social security number redacted), and three references.

****APPLICANTS MUST APPLY ONLINE VIA THE LINK BELOW WITH ALL REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:**

<https://www.southernenvironment.org/about-selc/careers/open-positions/glynn-d-key-fellowship>

For any questions about the Glynn Key Associate Attorney Fellowship, please contact Tess Benjamin at tbenjamin@selcnc.org or 919-967-1450.

SELC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and strongly encourages applications from persons of all backgrounds.

