



About Legal Representation

Earthjustice handles court and administrative impact litigation that involves environmental laws or issues and that have the potential to generate results and align with our mission. We generally do not handle private disputes. Rather, given our mission and limited resources, we take on high impact cases that provide the most benefit to the planet and the greatest number of people. Our work includes large-scale impact litigation and advocacy to:

- (1) Defend public lands, wildlife, and threatened ecosystems;
- (2) Clean up our air and water, protect human health, and reduce the impact of pesticides and toxic chemicals; and
- (3) Drive adoption of clean energy sources and reduce reliance on fossil fuels and petrochemicals.

Earthjustice is not a general legal services or legal aid organization, and we generally do not assist individuals with private legal matters, such as individual property disputes.

For example, Earthjustice **does not** provide legal assistance regarding the following:

- Criminal cases, including sentencing or post-conviction appeals
- Complaints about an attorney, judge, or the police
- Domestic or family law matters (domestic violence, divorce, child custody, visitation, and wills)
- Denial of government benefits, such as disability, unemployment, or social security benefits
- Employment matters, such as discrimination, payment of wages, or wrongful termination

- Housing, including eviction and habitability issues.
- Individual property, inheritance, or tax matters. For example, we would not consider taking on a case that involves a development that obstructs a private property owner's view. We may, however, consider taking on a case that involves an industrial development project that would increase air pollution and affect the health of a community at-large.
- Medical malpractice
- Residential development disputes

Submitting a request for legal assistance to Earthjustice does not mean that we have agreed or will agree to provide legal advice or represent you. Earthjustice cannot represent all those who request our services, and we typically need 3-4 weeks or longer to review requests for assistance. Therefore, if you are facing an upcoming court date or deadline, you should continue to seek legal assistance elsewhere while we review your inquiry. Your local bar association may have a lawyer referral service or similar program that may be able to assist you.

If you already have a lawyer, please ask your lawyer to reach out to Earthjustice on your behalf; legal ethics rules limit our ability to communicate with you directly.

Submit a request for assistance by filling out the form below and mailing it to:

Earthjustice
1001 G Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, D.C. 20001

We will review your inquiry and will contact you by phone or email if we believe that we may be able to assist you.

Request for Legal Representation

Confidential/Privileged Information Notice:

Please be aware the information you submit to Earthjustice will not create an attorney-client relationship and is not an agreement to represent you.

You should not submit confidential or time-sensitive information.

Any information provided to us will not be treated as confidential or privileged lawyer/client communication, unless we sent you an engagement letter for Earthjustice to provide legal services. You are not a client of Earthjustice until you sign and return our engagement letter. Please check ACCEPT if you understand and accept the above statement and wish to proceed.

ACCEPT

Contact Information:

First name _____

Last name _____

E-mail address _____

Can we use this e-mail address to respond to you or send you information?

Yes No

Phone number _____

Can we leave a voicemail message on this phone number?

Yes No

Are You Seeking Legal Representation on Behalf of (select one):

- Yourself
- Community-based organization or non-profit
Please write in the name of the community-based organization or non-profit you are seeking legal representation on behalf of:

- Tribe
- Another Individual
- Other

Why Did You Reach Out to Us Today?

Does your issue involve (select one):

- Air Pollution
- Clean Transportation
- Coal Plants, Mining, & Ash
- Energy Efficiency Standards
- Hazardous Waste & Spills/Accidents
- Oil & Gas Development & Infrastructure
- Pesticides & Agricultural issues
- Public Lands
- Safe Drinking Water
- Tribal Issues
- Toxic Chemicals Exposure (Household & Occupational)
- Water Pollution/Sewage & Stormwater
- Wildlife & Marine Life
- Other

Briefly Describe The Issue Below:

What Is The Relief You Are Seeking?

State clearly what you would like Earthjustice to do for you.

Are any other organizations already working on this issue?

If so, please list the names of those organizations.

Where Is This Happening?

City: _____

State (or country,
if outside of the U.S.): _____